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Departure and Funeral

of Sister Eunice Patterson.

October 9 1874 Sister Eunice Patterson closed her pilgrimage on earth, and departed for the Better Land.

Oct. 10th her funeral came off at 2½ Oclock P.M.

It was numerously attended.

The last Service commenced with the solemn Anthem, as usual.

Elder Oliver opened the speaking, he said anything he could say had been anticipated. Sr. Eunice had preached her own funeral, and done it well; hers was a practical Life of godliness, as we had witnessed, and he should have said nothing pertaining to her character, only for the young: Sister Eunice had always maintained her Gospel faith, without wavering, she had been firm and steadfast, performing all the requirements of the gospel life; in no one had ever doubted her veracity; there was no doubting anything she said or did, all were performed in truthfulness. He then turned his discourse to the condition of his audience; the necessity of faithfulness was the theme; we could not be too particular to guard our lives, and daily conversation; that all should be ordered in harmony. For his own part Howard Shaker, and always expected to be one, and the Cardinal point was to make himself agreeable; so that his Brethren and Sisters could live with him.

He was thankful for the Gospel Discipline, which enabled him to keep breaking off the Corners, and by continual attrition to make smooth the rugged paths of Life, so that Others could walk comfortably with him.

On taking his seat, he strongly invited Others to speak.

Elder Cephas rose and said he had not premeditated any thing but as usually his practice, spoke whatever was given him, a practical life of godliness was the main point in the Believers Life; to keep the faith, and perform all the Gospel duties of the Saints Life; to do this required great and continued effort to the young, especially these remarks were true:- The warmth and ardor of the young had to be overcome, and crucified by a daily cross of self denial.

He concurred fully, in what Elder Oliver had said, of the character of Sr. Eunice, she had faithfully passed thro' a long life of Gospel Discipline from youth to old age, and had been victorious

Wm. A. Redmon very weak he had come to the funeral, to hear what say pertaining to Sr. Eunice; he strongly and if able, say a word or two:- He would to the character and life of the departed.

The Pattersons were a remarkable family, father, mother and a large family of children; they had passed through the most distressing and heart rending scenes of the Pioneer life on the frontier borders of Indian Warfare in Ky. Patterson was an extraordinary man, agile and fleet, possessing courage and intelligence, the very man for the times; he was among the first in the expeditions against the Indians, and the company was not considered complete without him.

He was in the disastrous battle of the Blue Lick Ky. badly wounded, and left on the field among the dead, but fortunately a young scotchman came along on a fine animal he dismounted instantly, and seated the Capt. in his saddle, and told him to go for his life!

The Scotchman then sought safety in plunging into the Licking, after passing over his wet clothing became burdensome, and he stopped to remove apart while thus engaged an Indian came stealthily behind and made him prisoner. The young man yielded with a good grace, and went with apparent cheerfulness, along with his captor. Night coming on the young Scotchman was loosed and suffered to make the fire, while the Indian went to sleep; but the prisoner did not partake of this drowsiness, but watched the fire until a billet of sufficient dimension presented itself, of this the prisoner made speedy use, leaving his captor in a harmless attitude, he pushed on his way home; on his arrival he found Capt. Patterson safe!!! For this Noble deed the Capt. made his young friend the gift of a fine Tract of Land. As time passed the Capt. became a Member of the Ky. Legislature and being a strong Patriot he united with his compeers in trying to free the Slaves, but failing he resolved on changing his residence and moved to Ohio and settled on the waters of Mad River in Montgomery Co. When the Gospel opened, the Parents, John & Phebe, & part of the children united and at first new located at Waterville; afterwards the parents and Sr. Eunice removed to Union Village Warren Co. O. and here closed their days.

Br. Charles Mapp rose and said he had not thought of saying any thing, but fully concurred in all that had been said of the character of Sr. Eunice, and he would speak further of his own experience; he felt measurably satisfied with her own travel and could consequently speak in favor of the Way. It was encouraging that these results could be attained, victory over the cravings and desires of our animal nature; he was inspired to to continue on in the Way, and finish her Course!

Funeral Continued.

Eldress Elizabeth fully consumed in all that had been said of Sr. Eunice, her attainments were admirable! but some of the means by which she had so far advanced, and of great importance too, had not been mentioned: Sister Eunice had a deep Gospel repentance one which reached to the bottome of her soul; when she felt she had injured a Br or Sr. this Repentence came to her relief, and she would never rest satisfied until she had sought forgiveness, obtained it, and made atonement and peace! Then she was at Rest on Gospel Ground having fully satisfied her Conscience!! This was true nobleness of soul!!

Marissa Patterson felt much thankfulness for Sr. Eunice's good example and faithfulness thro life, it should be her endeavor to follow so good an example.

The foregoing comprise the main points, in the funeral Service. The funeral closed with One of Sr. Eunice's own Hymns, Elder Oliver thought we had nothing more appropriate.

Sr. Peggy Patterson and Betsy Eastwood came near the close, and attended the Burial. Peggy is a niece of the departed, they returned this morning to Watervliet.

Oct. 16. 1874. Canvassing.

It seems the Ministry have in contemplation the Removal of Elder Oliver, the reasons offered is are, his having had great a Burden, and it is only reasonable and humane to remove a part.

It is proposed to promote Brother David Parkhurst now second with E. Oliver to the first Eldership in the 1st Order. And to make the Order complete to bring Br Charles Clapp from the 2nd Family, as second with Elder David.

The second family feel as if they could reluctantly part with Br Charles, as he conducts the Herb business, and in all probability it will fall through, in case of his removal, but the temporal it is said has to yield to the Spiritual: This Changing is a great drawback on financial matters.

October 15, 1874. Matthew B. Carter.

The presence of Br. Matthew B. Carter, Trustee of Whitewater has been fully stated in the Temporal Journal. The intention of the Ministry is to Install him as first Trustee at Union Village; he is well received by the Brethren and Sisters generally. In a few days he will be announced, and duly Installed, as first Trustee at U. V. Ohio.

His character stands fair, none more so: he is a thorough Shaker, honest and fair in every respect, he is a good Representative of the Believer character; the Mines will be perfectly safe in his hand!

Oct 17, 1874. Elder Moving.

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in some room in the
but changes title, he
family at N. U. C.
Church, returns to the

Today is the time appointed for the Elders to take
the programme. Elder Oliver is stationed
house. Br David of course keeps his old bed,
now becomes Elder David, first in the first
Br Charles, after having taken the Circuit of the
1st family, not as Elder Charles, but as Br. Charles.

Sermon. Sunday 18, Oct. 1874, Was Chh. Meeting, and
pleased we are to record, we had an uncommon meeting mainly
in consequence of the addition of our Whitewater Visitors, Br John Clark
and three Sisters, and our worthy Br Frederick Keaton of N. Union.
Elder Wm Opened Meeting by telling us he had had some solemn
meditations pertaining to the Spiritual World, of the purity of life, necessary
in this world, to obtain a membership in that, we were passing thro life
the judgment there, could not be deceived, and we would not be admitted.
These considerations made it necessary that we should be truthful.
In the midst of the exercises, as we advanced, Elder Wm introduced Frederick
to the assembly, in quite a long eulogium specifying his faithfulness and
unremitted zeal in the cause. This Introduction removed Frederick's
embarrassment and he took up the theological part of his history:
His Call and Conversion partakes largely of that of St. Paul's and
brot forcibly to my mind the Light and the Scales in the case of Damascus. "A Voice spoke audibly to the Br. Telling him you must
follow me in the Regeneration; you must cease to live any longer in
generation but take up your Cross and follow your Savior, in newness
of life"!! This Salutation caused him to suspend his mercantile business, to the great astonishment of his employer! But his purpose was
fixed and thenceforward gave up his time and faculties to investigation
and having satisfied himself of the reality of the Higher Life, he United
with the saints at North Union, his faith being confirmed more and
more, as he advanced. He is now acting as Trustee for North Union.
and is now on business. Having finished his preface, he turned
his attention to the Young Believers, and delivered one of the most
heart Searching Sermons I have ever yet heard; he addressed himself to the Conscience, searching the half hearted Shaker, with a Torch
of Celestial Light which shewed the half hearted their abominations.
He exhorted to faithfulness, never to look back but to press forward. we had a
a very great privilege, the highest the very highest, with which we could be
blessed. These are only hints of that soul searching Sermon!

Oct 19 1874 **Close of Church Meeting.**

During this fine weather there had been various various visiting parties there all had One and were solicitous to deliver their Messages, so to make a long matter short the respective parties came out together and compounded the accumulated Treasure.
The visitors received One, and spoke in thankfulness for their privilege, expressing their firmness in keeping the way.
M.B. Carter closed with a very appropriate declaration of faith, his union with Believers was his all the world was nothing to him, to keep his joining closely was his sole aim.

Thurs 22 Oct. Ministry gone to Whitewater, we presume it is in consequence of the premeditated change of Br. Matthew B. Carter coming to Union Village as Trustee. It will be necessary to leave all Orders whole as possible but it will not be in the range of events to fill Br. Matthew's place, few have the ability, and none there, his experience.

Let us suppose that the coming of Br Matthew brings to some persons a little wormwood, we have some aspirants for the Office of Trustee, and the place being filled from abroad, will in all probability, cause a little chagrine, human nature is weak, and frail mortals cannot see themselves as Others see them, weak, ignorant and ill conditioned mortals, are in their own eyes, and conception the paragon of perfection.
The close connection, and the many little trying incidents of life reveal the internal condition, and secrets of a man's soul, and his jagged points and sharp corners, are continually sticking out, and at time wounding the Saints; of all these obvious conditions, the Aspirant is unconscious.

25 Oct 1874 **Church Meeting.** Nothing unusual only the introduction of Elder David Parkhurst as Leading Brother. He spoke but little, barely making some truthful asseveration, which has been repeated ever since he attended the first Meeting, a boy.
Br Charles Clapp corroborated his Elder's admonition, in his sprightly lively style. he always speaks to good effect.
In Shaker Speaking there is very little variety. the good old Doctrines in uniform good old Style. Elder Oliver before his release ment, began to call our attention to newer Ideas in a very improved manner.
In every Church, any deviation from the Beaten Track, has always been looked upon, with a suspicious eye; innovation on old Customs is thought to bode no good, and the innovator thought to be heretical; but old things will pass away, and all things become new.

November 1st 1874.— Church Meeting.

Held in the Center Meeting Room, as the atmosphere is too cool to convene in the Church.

In the absence of the Ministry, no one takes the special prerogative of teaching, and in a great measure, some persons would pronounce it scolding. This practice by the highest Order has become so common, as to render our worship disagreeable. Speaking if done in the most appropriate manner, becomes monotonous if not varied; but constant reprehension becomes intolerable. I am told the Meeting to day was tedious and agreeable.

The Singing was mellodious; it is always the best part of Shaker Worship, for no odds how bad the Exhortation, the Singing gives cheer and animation!!

Prayer Meeting. This Solemn Service varied little from from ordinary meetings consisting of meditative prayer, singing and speaking. Elder Oliver did most of the speaking which was in Vindication of the part taken by himself on Teaching Music: some of the saints that he spent too much time in Music; but to the honor of Elder Oliver be it said, without his honorable Exertions, our Music would have died out: he is the head, head and fountain of singing; and, of our Literature the same may be said. His Aim has been to keep up with the Improvements of the day; all the Arts and Sciences are on the advance and he wishes to be in the Vanguard: The Arts and Sciences, are Only the Laws that God has given to his Creation, and to be versed in these Laws is the Duty and Privilege of the Shaker, as well as any other citizen.

Fogyism thinks any advance not taught by "Father David" is heterodox, therefore, not to be practised, or tolerated. "Keep the Gift" as it was given and you are safe. The World advances, and no Power can stay, or stop it. Hands off, God is at the Helm!!

Nov. 22d. 1874 Church Meeting was held in the Center Family Meeting Room as usual at ½ past 2. o. clock Elder David introduced the Subject of our Spiritual relation, as Brethren & Sisters, showing the necessity of our cultivating it above all other relations, Several Brethren & Sisters spoke to the same point, and corroborated Elder Davids remarks, there was a good Ministration throughout the meeting. Prayer Meeting in the evening, Closed the exercises of the day.

November 22d 1874

A young man by the name of Charles Altman united with Believers on the 21st Inst. Was born in the City of Nuremberg, Bavaria, in Germany, January 31st 1852. He is a member of the Center family.

Nov. 24th 1874 according to previous appointment, a meeting will be held in Lebanon this evening, at 7. o'clock, the following brethren & Sisters will be in attendance, as Speakers & Singers, from the Center Family.

Brethren	Sisters
O. Clapp	Elizabeth Farr
O. C. Hampton	Mary Ann Holland
H. Miller	Susanna Brady
G. Clingman	Matilda Butler
Frank Brady	Ellen Ross
Wm Allanda	Maria Cripe
I. Reeves	Persis Hoag
Thos Wisbon	Lavina Rollins
	Ann Maria Myers
	Maggie Seitzer
	Mary Parker
	Julia O'Connell

Nov. 25th 1874 The above Meeting was held last evening in accordance with the Programme adopted, there were in attendance 38 Speakers & an audience of about 500. Everything proved favorable & we hope & trust that much good will result therefrom, May the time be hastened, when the Lord of the Harvest will send forth his reapers to gather his Sheaves into his garner.

Nov. 26th 1874 In accordance to the Proclamation of the President of the United States Ulysses S. Grant, in which this day was chosen to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving, a Meeting was held in the Center family Meeting Room for religious Services at 10, o, clock A.M. At which appropriate remarks were made by Elder Williams and a number of the brethren & Sisters, the occasion was a season of profit to all present.

November 28th 1874

Charles Altman who united here a few days since, goes to the Gathering Order to live.

Sabbath Nov. 29. Meeting alone this day at the usual hour the inclemency of the weather preventing the other families from attending. a snow fall of several inches presenting a Wintry appearance

Bro. Charles Brock from White Water was present at our Meeting. Prayer Meeting in the Evening.

Sabbath Dec. 6th 1874. Meeting at the Center Family at ½ past 2. o. clock, a general attendance from the different families. Ministry present, communicated love from our gospel friends at Watervliet, also made appropriate remarks in the way of counsel &c.

We had the unspeakable privilege of having your Elder Peter Long with us from Groveland N.Y. whose testimony during the Meeting was soful cheering & comforting to us all. he leaves early in the Morning for his home, his short and interesting visit, will long be remembered.

Prayer Meeting as usual in the evening.

December 8th 1874

George E. Hagwoth was moved into this family from the Gathering family this day, was born in Covington, Kenton Co. Ky. on the 16th of May 1850.

Sabbath December 13th 1874

Meeting at the usual hour in the Center family, in consequence of a rain storm, the other families were not present, had a good time, gospel testimony being borne by Elder Amos, Elder William & several of the brethren & Sisters, much to the edification of all present, the necessity of more economy as a family to be practiced in temporal things was held forth. Prayer Meeting in the Evening.

December 20th 1874

In accordance to the gift and order of Believers, this Sabbath day has been observed as the yearly sacrafice or the general opening as it is sometimes called. It is expected that all will improve the opportunity, cleanse themselves from all wrong & to commence anew in their heavenward journey.

Dec. 25th This day being Christmas, there was Society Meeting in the Center Meeting room, the weather being propitious, there was a genieal attendance on the part of the different families, a good Ministration prevailed & the exercises were unusually interesting, the occasion was one of much profit to us all.

Sabbath Dec. 27th The weather being unfavorable, but few attending the Meeting at the usual hour, aside from our own family the remarks by Elder William & others were appropriate & much to the point.

Sabbath Jany. 3d 1875 Meeting of the Elders & Second family at the Center family Meeting room, some good testimony borne by the Brethren & Sisters, a good Ministration prevailed throughout the Meeting.

Sabbath January 10th 1875 First and Second orders held Meeting in the Center family Meeting at the usual hour, Ministry in attendance, a good Ministration generally throughout the Meeting, weather this Morning 12 degrees below Zero.

Dr Owen Thomas of Richmond, Ind. united with the Society at this date & lives in the Center family, he will devote his time mostly to Dentistry.

January 17th 1875

Sabbath - Meeting as usual at the Centre family - the second order and the second family in attendance, not much ministration of Spiritual life, the exercises partaking too much of the weather exceeding cold.

Sabbath 24th Meeting in Centre family, second family being present.

Elder Williams Spoke at considerable length upon Mother Ann's testimony & that of her immediate followers in reference to the corruptions of the human family & the absolute necessity of Believers waging a continual warfare to subdue the base passions of lust & concupiscence, it is considered a favorable sign if the same testimony is borne by the Church in this day. The brethren & Sisters cordially united with the above.

Sabbath 31. Meeting at the Centre Meeting Room, with Second Order & Second Family. Elder Salomon Rankin was present from South Union, Ky. he had a bountiful store of love to communicate from various Societies East where he had been on a visit. Bro. Frederic Heaton, from North Union, was also with us, we shared largely in the love from our gospel friends at that place. The meeting was attended throughout with a ministration of Spirit.

Sister Mary Buchanan deceased this evening at about 8. o'clock, after a sickness of one week, aged 86 years.

February 2. Bro. William N. Redman deceased this day, at 11, o'clock A. M. aged 73 years last November.

Wednesday 3d The funeral of Sister Jane Buchanan and that of Bro. William N. Redman took place to day at 2, o'clock P. M. in the Centre family. quite a good attendance from the other families, many good remarks were made by the brethren & Sisters, which rendered the occasion both interesting & profitable.

Febreary 7th 1875

Sabbath - Meeting at the Center family at ½ past 2, o, clock, a good attendance from the other families, Considering the Severity of the weather, Mercury 6 degrees above 0.
The exercises of the meeting were unusually interesting, the remarks of the Ministry and others, were timely & well received.

Saturday Feby 20th 1875 Charles M. Preston united with the Society this day, & will live in the Center family, a Physician and Surgeon by profession. Was formerly a Member of the Methodist Church, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio June 1st 1835.

Sabbath Feby 21st 1875. Bro. Freelk, Hewston Elders Rachael Russell & Sister Abigal Russell arrived here this morning from North Union.

Meeting at the usual hour in the Meeting Room Sunday the at which two letters were read Concerning the condition of our friends at Mt Lebanon one from Elder F. W. Evans and one from Elder Peter Lony, of Groveland.
There was a gratitude expression by the brethren present to assist in the relief of our Suffering brethren & Sisters at the Mount.

Sabbath Feby 28th 1875 Meeting at the Center family at the usual hour, in attendance, Second Order & Second family, a very good Ministration prevailed throughout the Meeting, the Speakers bore good testimony & much to the point.
an interesting Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath March 7th 1875. Meeting in the Meeting room but in consequence of an unprecedented Snow Storm, the other families were not able to be present nothing Special took place during the exercises.

March 14th 1875

Sabbath - Meeting as usual in the Center Meeting Room - a very good attendance from the different families. Considerable good testimony was borne in course of the meeting by the Ministry and others.

Sabbath 21. Meeting at the usual hour in consequence of the inclemancy of the weather the second family was not present.

The exercises of the meeting were very interesting, good testimony from the Ministry & others.

Prayer Meeting in the Evening

Sabbath March 28th 1875 - Society Meeting at the Center Family at the usual hour, a full attendance from the different families, The Ministry presented very practical & wholesome remarks for our consideration well calculated to encourage, strengthen and bless every good Believer, a good Ministration throughout the Meeting.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath April 4th 1875 Society Meeting again to day at the Center Family at the usual hour, there being but little sickness in Society at present, there was a general attendance - a Pamphlet, called the Divine Afflatus, opened from Shirley Shakers in Mass. a portion of which was read & was well received by the brethren & Sisters.

It was announced that Elder Williams would start in the morning for Mount Lebanon N.Y. and the love & good wishes of all present was bestowed upon Elder W. for our Gospel Kindred at East.

Prayer Meeting in the evening at which the Ministry made very pertinent and appropriate remarks.

April 5th 1875

Bro. Cephas Holloway is moved to the Center family this day, being released as first in Council at the Second Order

Sabbath April 11th 1875 Society Meeting to day in the Meeting House, the first of the present season, the weather since the rain last night has turned quite cool, which prevented many from attending.

Sabbath April 18th 1875 Society Meeting at the Center Meeting Room. Elder H. L. Eades, & Sisters Jane Cowen & Mary Clark, of South Union, Ky were with us also brethren William Libby of Canterbury N. H. & George Emery, of Whitewater, The Ministry spoke at considerable length at opening of the meeting, after which the visitors bore a good gospel testimony, much to the encouragement of all present, Elder Emery addressed us upon the necessity of entire consecration to the gospel work & anything short of this will not secure its blessings.

Sabbath April 25th 1875 - all the families met to day at the Center Meeting room, except the Gathering family, Elder William made the opening remarks showing what great privileges Believers enjoyed over all other people to secure Salvation from sin &c. Some of the brethren and sisters improved the time in expressing good Gospel testimony.

Sabbath May 2. 1875 Meeting as usual at the common time in the Meeting room at Center Family, Some reading on the decision concerning the people, called Second Adventists, their faith, expectations &c Believers regard the movement as the work of God, preparatory to a further increase in the divine life.

May 9. 1875

Sabbath. Society Meeting in the Center Meeting Room, a very general attendance from the different families. Elder Amos occupied a short time at the opening of the meeting, in which he showed the necessity of all the members to read more in Bibles books, to become better informed in relation to the faith in order that they may be able & competent to impart correct information to all honest & sincere enquirers. Several brethren & sisters bore good testimony in the course of the meeting.

Sabbath May 16. 1875 Society Meeting Center Family, the weather being cold, we do not open the meeting House. A very good Ministration attended throughout the meeting, considerable freedom in speaking by the brethren & sisters.

Sabbath May 23d 1875
Meeting at the Meeting House at the usual hour, all the families present except the Gathering Order.
Elder David opened the exercises with brief remarks, after which in the course of the meeting, the brethren & sisters spoke their faith with considerable freedom.

Sabbath May 30th 1875 Meeting at the meeting house at the accustomed time, all the families present, excepting the Gathering Order. Love was received from our Gospel friends at Waterlick, through Bro. Owen Thomas & Sister Persis Hoag. A very good Ministration attended the meeting.

Sabbath June 6th 1875. Owing to a severe rain Storm, Meeting was held at the Centre Meeting Room, the other families not being present. A very comfortable Meeting, however,

June 13. 1875

Sabbath - Society Meeting at the Meeting House - a full attendance from the different Families. Elder William spoke at considerable length upon the necessity of Believers practically living up to Gospel Order in regard to holding private property in any shape, but all to be consecrated to the general good. A good ministration pervaded the Meeting.

Sabbath June 20th 1875. The first Public Meeting of the Season this day commencing at 10, o'Clock A. M. Bro. O. C. Hampton addressed a large & respectable audience, who listened apparently with much interest, there were a large number of Students present from the Normal School in Lebanon.
The brethren & Sisters during the Meeting exercised unconmon freedom in short & pertinent remarks.

Sabbath June 27. 1875 Public Meeting as usual at 10. o'Clock A. M. the weather being unfavorable in the Morning, there were but few Spectators, & they were mostly Normal Students, but they gave very close attention to the discourse delivered by Bro. Oliver, which was quite to the point & was calculated to do much good to that class of mind. Other speakers took the opportunity to bear some testimony.
Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath July 4th 1875 Public Meeting at the usual hour, a large & interesting company of Spectators, after singing the Hymn commencing, "Come O thou Zion's basis" C. Clapp opened the Meeting with brief remarks to those present, after which, Elder Oliver delivered a discourse at some length which was well received. Brethren C. Holloway & Nicholson, O. Wooton & Sisters Ruth Webster & Mary Middleton, bore good testimony to the world.

July 11. 1875 (Sabbath)

Public Meeting at the usual hour, Bro. Oliver addressed the Spectators, whose numbers were not as large as the previous Sabbaths, they seemed interested in the discourse & we hope, were profited.

Society Meeting in the afternoon at ½ past 2 o'clock at which Elder Giles B. Avery from Mt Lebanon, N.Y. was present & occupied the time in giving us good counsel & advice, hope it will be treasured up in the hearts of all who had the unspeakable privilege of hearing it, may his efforts & labors among us prove a lasting blessing is the prayer of all Mother's Children in this place.

A Society Meeting was held at the Meeting House on Wednesday evening the 14th Inst. at ½ past 6, o, clock, on which occasion, Elder Giles announced the following changes in Society. Elder Sally Sharp, is released from the Ministerial Order, & Eldress Naomi Legore takes her place as first, & Eldress Adaline Wells of Watervliet takes her place as second. Elder Amos Parkhurst is released from the first gift in the Ministerial Order, Elder William Reynolds takes his place & Elder Amos the second.

Sabbath July 18. 1875. Public Meeting at the usual hour, the largest number of Spectators for the season, Bro. Oliver made the principle discourse, some testimony was borne by others.

Sabbath July 25. 1875 Public Meeting at 10, o, clock. Elder Giles addressed the Spectators of whom there was a large number, who gave their undivided attention, to a most interesting discourse

July 25th 1875

Society Meeting in the afternoon at ½ past 2. o'clock, on which occasion Elder Giles spoke to us for the last time, his good counsel & advice would be treasured up by all the faithful here. He urged upon us the absolute necessity of keeping strictly all the Gospel Orders, for our prosperity & protection.

Sabbath August 1st 1875. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, raining continuously for the last twenty four hours, there could be no Public Meeting to day, held Meeting at home at ½ 10. O. Clock & S. M. Singing Meeting in the afternoon, Prayer Meeting in the evening, closing up a stormy Sabbath. The quantity of rain which has fallen during the last few weeks, is altogether unprecedented in this section of country, the Hay and Grain crops are destroyed, being submerged by the abundance of water, such a disaster will most seriously affect our Agricultural interests for a considerable scope of country.

Sabbath August 8. 1875 Public Meeting at the usual hour, Bro. Oliver spoke to a very small company of Spectators, the weather was delightful & a much larger audience should have been present, E. Claff, E. Holloway, E. Nicholson & Mary Middleton & Elders Emily bore good testimony in the course of the meeting.
Pray & Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath August 15. 1875 Public Meeting at 10. o'clock – a very respectable audience, O. C. Hamp ton addressed them – his subject – the Prodigal Son. some good testimony, by the brethren, to which good attention was given. Oh! that they were eyes to see & hearts to receive the truth!

August 22. 1875

Public Meeting at the usual hour, the weather being rather forbidding in the morning, the audience was not large, but what few there were, was of the better class. Elder Olin addressed the spectators on the subject of Spirit & Peace, to which great attention was given. The brethren & Sisters bore some good testimony.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Public Meeting August 29th 1875 at the usual hour, a fair audience, Bro. Olin addressed them on the subject of the Judgment, presenting it in quite a different light from what is entertained by the Nominal Profession in the outside world.

Sabbath September 5. 1875

Public Meeting as usual, the largest Gathering of Spectators of the season, Elder Fredk. W. Evans of Mt Lebanon, N. Y. being on a visit here, spoke at considerable length to the satisfaction of his hearers. Many of whom expressed to hear further on the subject presented.

Sabbath Sept. 12. 1875. The weather being very unpropitious, few Spectators were in attendance at Public Meeting. Elder Frederic spoke about one hour to great acceptance, showing where we are in the fulfillment of the Book of Revelation the audience gave uninterrupted attention throughout.

Public Meeting Sabbath September 19th 1875 The weather being quite cool & raw but few Spectators were in attendance, Bro. Olin addressed them for about one hour, very much to the point, he spoke before them many things they will be likely to remember.

September 26. 1875

The Public Meeting for the season closed to day. The weather was clear & bright and every way favorable, yet but few Spectators in attendance, evidently showing a lack of interest on the part of our outside friends, when they shall again be favored with any opportunity to hear further of these blessed truths, time alone can determine.

October 3. 1875

Society Meeting to day at the Meeting House at ½ past 2, o,clock it being a beautiful Sabbath, there was a full attendance from the different families.

A very good Ministration throughout.

Sabbath 10. 1875 Meeting at home to day, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

Considerable good testimony was born by the brethren & Sisters.

Sabbath, October 17. 1875

First & second Order met in the Center Meeting Room at the usual hour, Bro. Sanford Rupel, being present from South Union, Ky. rendered it a pleasant & profitable Season, long to be remembered.

Sabbath Oct. 24. 1875

First & second Order met as usual in our meeting, had a comfortable & interesting Meeting. Received Love from White Water by a company that had been there on a visit, from Second Order.

Sabbath November 7. 1875

Society Meeting at the usual hour, a good attendance. Bro. George King from White Water, was present, with Deacon [illegible]

November 15. 1875

Sabbath= Meeting of first & second Order in the United Meeting Room at the usual hour, nothing very interesting or striking on the occasion, Love was given out from White Water, by Ephas & Olive, who Spent last Sabbath with our friends there.

Sabbath November 21. 1875 a beautiful day & a general assembling of the first & Second at the United Meeting Room a good Ministration throughout Bro. Elmore Butler & Bro. Charles Brock from White Water were present with Love from the brethren & Sisters at that place added much to the interest of the Meeting. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Saturday November 27th 1875 A Meeting was held by the Ministry & Elders of the First & Second Orders at which time Letters were read from the Ministry at Mt Lebanon N.Y. Concerning the Continuance of the Shaker & Shakeress, & recommending a renewed effort, by all Believers to this end.

Sabbath November 28. 1875 Had no Meeting to day in consequence of the severe illness of Sister Laura Whitman, who is occupying the room adjoining the Meeting room, it is thought by some that She cannot survive but a short time.

Sabbath December 5. 1875 Sister Laura Whitman deceased to day at 1. O. Clock aged 52 years, the brethren & Sisters convened in the Meeting room at which time Letters were read from Mt Lebanon & Canterbury Funeral tomorrow at 1/2 past 2. O. Clock

December 12, 1875

Sabbath, First & Second had Meeting in the Centre Meeting Room, Elder Gilbos opened the exercises with very appropriate remarks, concerning the absolute necessity & importance of supporting the leading gift, first in the Ministry then in the Elders, & so on.
More than ordinary power was manifested throughout the Meeting.

Sabbath Dec. 19. 1875 According to the custom & Gift among Believers, this day is observed as a yearly sacrafice, or general opening, affording an opportunity for access to open their hearts in the way of confession, that they may start anew in their Spiritual travel.
No Meetings for Worship in consequence of the above.

Sabbath Dec. 26. 1875 In consequence of the inclemency of the weather we have alone in our Worship to day, the exercises were short but interesting, the time being mostly spent in reading the Orders, pertaining to us as Believers in Christs Second Appearing.
Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath January 2. 1876. Had no Meetings for Worship during the day in consequence of a disastrous conflagration which took place last evening at about ½ past 9. o'clock - our North Cove barn being burned containing 17 cows & 22 calves & 45 tons of Hay, all consumed in the course of one hour, the work of an incendiary. We have no knowledge who the perpetrators of this atrocious deed can be, justice will surely overtake them in due time. The loss occasioned by this fire cannot be much less than 5 Thousand Dollars, all things considered.

January 18. 1876

The first & second Orders had worship at the Centre Family at the usual hour, at which interesting letters were read from the Ministry at West Lebanon & Ministry at Canterbury N.H. A good ministration throughout the meeting.

Sabbath January 23. 1876

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the Centre Family had Worship by ourselves. Ministry & others expressed good Gospel testimony. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath January 30. 1876

First & second Orders met for Worship as usual at the Centre Meeting Room, Elder Amos opened the exercises, in speaking of the necessity of all being established on true gospel grounds, devoid of all selfish proclivities, brethren and sisters united in bearing the same kind of testimony. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath February 6. 1876

Second Family met with the first & Second Orders to day, had a very comfortable Meeting throughout. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath February 13. 1876

First & second Orders & Second Family met for divine Worship at the Centre Meeting room at the usual hour where good testimony was spoken during the Meeting.

Sabbath February 20. 1876

Society Meeting, full attendance, the weather being favorable, Bro. George Ingalls was present from North Union, with a abundance of love from our Gospel relation at that place, a good Manifestation throughout.

February 27. 1876

First & Second Order & Second family met for worship at the Centre Meeting room at the usual hour, during the exercises a letter was read from Sister Hannah Ann Agnew of Mt Lebanon, to Eldress Sally, containing an interesting account of a Revival not far from their village.

Sabbath March 5. 1876

The three families met for Worship as usual, at the time & place, nothing uncommon taking place.

Sabbath March 12. 1876

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the different families could not assemble with us for worship, consequently, had meeting by ourselves.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath March 19. 1876

Society Meeting to day was well attended & a good Ministration through the Meeting.

Sabbath March 26. 1876

Society Meeting again, the different families were well represented, Elder Amos spoke at the commencement of the exercises at considerable length upon the necessity of devoting our time to some useful employment irrespective of age. Good testimony was borne by several brethren & Sisters.

Sabbath April 2. 1876

In consequence of a stormy day the different families could not assemble with us for Worship, had Meeting by ourselves.—

April 9. 1876

Meeting as usual at the Center Family, first & Second Orders with Second Family, Some Speaking by the Ministry & Others, a good Ministration.

Sabbath April 16. 1876

The Church & Second Family held Worship at the usual hour, on which occasion much good testimony was borne by Ministry, Elders, brethren and Sistus. Prayer Meeting in the evening when a letter was read from Elder W. L. Eades of South Union, Ky.

Sabbath April 23. 1876

In consequence of bad weather the different families could not assemble for Worship, had a comfortable meeting by ourselves.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath April 30. 1876

First & Second Order & Second Family met for Worship at the usual hour, had a very Comfortable Meeting.

Sabbath May 7 1876

The three families met for Worship as usual at the Center Meeting Room, nothing of much interest occurring on the occasion.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath May 14. 1876.

The above families with the Ministry Convened for Worship at the usual place, much excellent counsel from the Ministry & Love from our Dear friends at White Water.

May 21. 1876

First & Second Order met for worship at usual time in the Centre Meeting Room, the Ministry being present, a general good feeling pervaded the Meeting.

Prayer Meeting in the evening, at which time it was announced by the Ministry that C. Clapp be released from the Elders Lot in the Centre family, & go to the Office to live & assist in the line of temporal affairs.

Sabbath May 28. 1876

Society Meeting at the Meeting house the first of the season, at ½ past 2. O'Clock it was well represented by the different families & a good Ministration pervaded the Meeting. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath June 4th 1876

A delightful Sabbath & a general attendance of the Society, considerable Speaking by the Ministry & others, Meeting at the Meeting house.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath June 11. 1876

Society Meeting at the Meeting house at the usual hour, the weather being propitious, there was good attendance. The Ministry spoke at considerable length, some others united with like testimony. Love was imparted to the Ministry for our gospel friends at North Union.

Sabbath June 18. 1876

First & Second Order & Second Family Met for worship at the Meeting House at the usual hour, a small attendance & not much Speaking.

June 25. 1876

Sabbath - First & Second orders & Gathering family - met for Worship at the Meeting house at the usual hour.

A short letter was read from the Ministry at North Union, also a circular was read from the Ministry at Mount Lebanon, concerning the Oneida Community

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath July 2. 1876

In consequence of the precarious & uncertain conditions of the weather, it was thought best & agreed upon by the first & second orders to spend the day in securing our grain, which was fully ripe for the sickle, consequently had no Meeting for Worship, but had Prayer meeting in the evening.

Sabbath July 9. 1876

First & Second orders & Second family met for Worship at the Meeting House at the usual hour, nothing of special interest on the occasion.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath July 16. 1876

Society Meeting at the usual hour, the weather being propitious there was a general attendance on the part of the different families. The Ministry were present, having arrived home from North Union, on tuesday the 11th Inst, being absent just four weeks. Elder William opened the Meeting with very appropriate remarks upon the necessity of exercising gospel charity & forbearance toward the faults & failings of our brethren & sisters, & renewal & pruning their faith.

July 23. 1876

Society Meeting, was well attended by the different families, the Ministry all being present, Elder William opened the meeting & said that he thought in looking over the condition of Society, there was nothing so much needed as a spirit of repentance, there was backbiting, jealousy, envy existing among us, which should be put away, if we would have the blessing of God to attend us.

A good Administration throughout the Meeting. Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath July 30. 1876

Society Meeting at the usual hour at the Meeting House, the different families being well represented, the brethren & sisters were free in bearing good gospel testimony.

The Ministry being absent to White Water for one week.

Prayer Meeting as usual.

Sabbath August 6. 1876

First & second orders met at the Center House Meeting Room at the usual hour for Worship, the weather preventing the other families from being present. Nothing very special on the occasion.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath August 13. 1876

All the families except the second Order met for Worship at the Meeting house at the usual hour, the Ministry being present, they occupied most of the time in giving counsel to the brethren & sisters.

August 20. 1876

Elder Daniel Boler Elder Giles B. Avery, Eldress Ann Eliza Taylor & Eldress Polly Reed the Ministry from Mt Lebanon, N.Y. arrived here on Saturday the 19th Inst. ½ past one o'clock P.M.

Had a social or union meeting with the eastern Ministry, in the Meeting Room at 9. o'clock Sabbath morning.

Sabbath at ½ past 2. o'clock Society Meeting, at which the Ministry were present who gave good advice & counsel a general attendance on the part of the different families.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath Aug. 27th 1876

Society Meeting at the usual hour at the Meeting house, the weather being propitious there was good attendance The Eastern Ministry from Mt Lebanon were present & administered good Gospel testimony & counsel, that we may all treasure it up & profit by it is the sincere prayer of the writer.

Sabbath September 3rd 1876

Society Meeting at the usual hour at the Meeting house, the Ministry being absent to White Water, there was but little said or done.

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath September 10th 1876

First & Second Order & Second family met for Worship at the Meeting house at the usual hour, nothing of special interest on the occasion.

September 17. 1876

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, held Meeting to day at the usual hour in the Center Meeting Room The first & second orders only being present nothing of Spucial interest on the occasion.

Sabbath Sept. 24. 1876

Society Meeting at the usual hour, Ministry being present, a good Ministration pervaded the meeting at the close of which some Changes were announced.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath October 1. 1876

Society Meeting as usual at the Meeting House, a generale attendance by the different families, considerable Speaking by the Ministry & others.

Prayer Meeting in the evening.

Sabbath October 8. 1876

The weather being favorable, there was a general attendance this day at the meeting house by the whole Society, some Speaking by the Ministry & others, a good Ministration throughout the meeting.

Prayer Meeting in the Evening.

Sabbath October 15-th 1876

The weather being favorable there was a general attendance at the meeting house today from all the Families, Elder Daniel Boler & Elder Giles B Avery were present, each of them spoke in meeting and gave much good council. A disposition to heed their council and engage in the work of God with renewed zeal prevailed in the meeting.

Prays meeting in the evening attended by our Ministry Elder Daniel Boler & Elder Giles B. Avery had a very comfortable time.

October 17th 1876

Tuesday Oct 17th 1876
Eldress Eliza Ann Taylor & Eldress Polly Reed in company with the South-Union Ministry arrived, the two first named being in a very feeble state of health

Thursday Oct 19th 1876
Today the South-Union Ministry started for home

Friday Oct 20th 1876
Today the Mount Lebanon Ministry started on their journey home, They expect to stop at Economy and also at a small Society of Shakers at Philadelphia

Sunday Oct 22nd 1876
The Centre Family and Second Order held meeting in the Meeting-House. The Second Family and West Family not present in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, Our Ministry met with us & we had a good & profitable meeting
Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sunday Oct 29th 1876
The Center Family Second Order and Second Family met in the Meeting-House. The weather not being favorable the West Branch did not attend. Our Ministry met with us, a general good feeling prevailed.
Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sunday Nov. 5th 1876

The Center Family Second Order and Second Family held meeting in the Church, the Ministry at Watervliet, of course did not attend, had a usual good meeting, nothing occurred of a special character
Prayer meeting in the evening

November 12th 1876

Sunday Nov 12th 1876
The Center Family Second Order and Second Family held meeting in the Church, the weather being fine we had a good turnout. Usual good ministration prevailed during worship, Our Ministry still at Waterford. Prayr meeting in the evening, there seems to be an increase of inspirational feelings in our Prayr meetings.

Sunday November 19th 1876
The Center Family & Second Order met in the Church, the Ministry were all present- except- Elder William, he having gone to North Union, The weather unfavorable consequently a small attendance, Some ten or fifteen Brethren & Sisters spoke, a good feeling prevailed.
Prayr meeting in the evening

Sunday November 26th 1876
The Center Family Second Order and Second Family held meeting in the Dwelling House- Meeting Room, we expect to hold meeting there until warm weather, the Ministry all present except Elder William he is still at North Union had a comfortable meeting

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sunday Dec 3rd 1876
The Families all met in the Dwelling- House Meeting-Room, the Ministry all present a good turn-out from each of the Families not much speaking but a good ministration prevailed during services

Prayer Meeting in the evening

December 10th 1876

Sabbath:. The weather being unfavorable the Center Family held meeting in the Dwelling House. without any attendance from other Families The Ministry having gone to Whitewater of course did not attend worship with us The weather being very cold making it difficult to get the room comfortably warm, in consequence of which we had a short meeting

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath December 17th 1876

The Center Family and Second Order met in the Dwelling House Meeting Room (it is understood that meetings will continue to be held there until the weather becomes warm in the Spring) the Ministry still at White Water we had a medium meeting not much ministration

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath December 24th 1876

The Center Family met, no attendance from any of the other Families in consequence of cold & Stormy weather not much speaking during the meeting, Ministry Still at White Water

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath Dec 31st 1876

This day Each of the Families kept as a day of yearly Sacrafice, the Ministry all at Shoene, No meetings attended to day

Jan 2nd 1877

It was announced in meeting that Eldress Emily Hampton living at the Second Order be released and move to the Office Center Family & take the first Charge in Temporalities, that Sister Ruth Liberthal move to the Second Order and live with Eldress Emily Robinson

January 2nd " 1877

I should of stated that Sister Emily Robinson receives the title of Eldress and will occupy the first gift at the Second Order, also Sister Matilda A. Butler move into the House and she and Julia A. Connel be our Family Deaconesses,

Sabbath Jan 7th " 1877

The Families all met in the Meeting Room (Dwelling House) Ministry all present, a good ministration prevailed during worship, a very profitable meeting.

Prayer meeting in the evening

Sabbath Jan 14th " 1877

The Center Family and Second Order met in the Meeting Room two of the Ministry present Elder William and Eldress Adaline, Not much ministration, Meeting passed quietly

Prayer meeting in the evening

Sabbath Jan 21st " 1877

The Center Family and Second Order met in the Meeting room the Ministry present except Eldress Naomi meeting attend with a good ministration

Prayer meeting in the evening

Sabbath Jan 28th " 1877

The Center Family Second Order and Second Family met in the meeting room for worship Ministry all present except 1st Elder Amos Elder William red the Lords prayer from the New Testament, then spoke at length on the importance of our forgiving one-another, Several other Brethren & Sisters spoke with much feeling on the same subject admonishing all to cultivate a spirit of love & forgiveness

Prayer meeting in the evening

" February 4th " 1877

Sabbath = Meeting of First & Second Orders and second Family. Ministry present a verry fine day consequently a good turnout a good Ministration prevailed during the meeting.

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath Feb 11th 1877

All the Families were represented in meeting today it has been a beautiful day consequently there was an unusual good turnout The Ministry all present except Elder Amos speaking by different ones during meeting with special anxiety that good order might be maintained and Union & Love be permitted to grow, Meeting continued one hour

Prayer Meeting in the evening

" February 18th " 1877

The weather being fine the Brethren and Sisters came from each of the Families, and we had a good meeting the Ministry spoke at a considerable length the desiring that the Brethren & Sisters should not be governed altogather by any special form of worship but be devoted in Spirit and try to have something new and interesting to offer, their advice was cordially received we had a verry good meeting

Prayer Meeting in the evening

Sabbath Feb 25th " 1877

All the Families were well represented in meeting today. The Ministry were all present much was said by the Ministry and others of the importance of an honest confession of all sin in order that Souls be able to make a fruitful travil in the work of God. A good Ministration prevailed during worship

Prayer Meeting in the evening

March 4th 1877

Sabbath = The First and Second Orders and West Family met in the Meeting-room the Ministry were all present. Elder William spoke of the importance of persons in trust being subject to their Councilors so that they may have their councilors support in case of any unforeseen disasters, much speaking by different ones during the latter part of the meeting all in favor of a life of consecration to God

Prayer Meeting in the evening

March 5th

Elder William went to North Union he intends to return to Watervliet on his way home and expects to meet there with the remainder of our Ministry and return to Union village with them

March 6th Elder Henry Bear arrived here from Whitewater he expected to get a few hundred dollars which this Family had borrowed from there, but a few days before he came the Lebanon Bank Failed, and as the money this Family had to pay them was deposited in said Bank he was under the necesity of going home without it, Each Family at Union Village had money in the Bank, though the North Family had much more there than all the rest

Sabbath March 11th 1877

Bro Benjamin Shannon took Elder Amos and the two Ministry Sisters to Watervliet At half past two O'clock the first & second Orders and Second Family held meeting in the dwelling House Meeting Room. had a comfortable time. Prayer Meeting in the evening

March 18th 1877

Sabbath = In consequence of the inclemency of the weather the Center Family held meeting alone none present from other Families. the Ministry are all at Waterbiet. The number in meeting being small and no especial gift of ministration consequently the meeting was was brief

Prayer Meeting in the evening

March 26th Today Elder Wm came home he came on the Rail Road his health is quite good

March 27th The Ministry are all at home, Today Elder Amos, Eldress Naomi, and Eldress Adaline came home in their Carriage, all in usual good health

Sabbath April 1th 1877

Meeting at half past two P. M. was well attended by all the Families, the Ministry were all present, we had quite a good meeting Elder Wm spoke against persons living at Union Village telling the faults of the members to those living in an other Society it is very desirable that all profit by his instructions

Prayer Meeting in the evening

April 7th Elder Wm O. C. Hampton Ellen Ross & Mary Ann Holland went to Waterbiet

Sabbath April 8th 1877

Weather rainy the Center Family met in the Dwelling House meeting room, none present from other Families. a Family from Cincinnati was admited to our meeting they having brought a Letter of recommendation from Dr Wolf. The attendance wes but few and we had a short meeting.

Prayer meeting in the evening

April 10th 1877

April 10th Elder William O. C. Hampton
E. Ross & Mary Ann Holland returned
home all well

Sabbath April 15th 1877
A very beautiful day The Ministry present
and all the Families represented we had
quite a good meeting
Prayer meeting in the evening

April 17th 1877
George Clingman received a privilege and
moved into the Family

Sabbath April 22nd 1877
Today the Families were all represented
in meeting The Ministry were present also
we had the presence of Sisters Emily Adams
and Mary Ann Mc Bride from Watervliet
Elder Amos Parkhurst spoke twice at length
during meeting giving us much good
advice and manifesting much zeal and
interest in behalf of the welfare of all
present
Prayer meeting in the Meeting
room. Very earnestly exported by Elder Matthew
to freedom in bearing a testimony to our faith
It seems strange how any one could feel just=
ified in remaining silent after such an appeal.

April 29. Sabbath. At the afternoon meeting
but three families were represented (viz.) First O.
Sec. Family & Second Order. The singing was good
but almost entire silence on the part of the
members. Elder Matthew & Eldress Elizabeth; ad=
monish'd to faithfulness & also set forth the high
& glorious nature & character of our calling & privilege.
In the evening prayer meeting, O. C. Hampton
read

a remarkable prophecy delivered at a circle held at Watervliet New York in the year 1854. It had reference to Russia & Turkey, & was brot to mind by the present prospect of a war between those two nations. Frank Brady also read an article entitled "the Preacher & Teacher." Several appropriate songs were sung but scarcely a word said, but by O. C. H. & Elder Ephas.

May 6. Sabbath. Chh. meeting was good & spiritually edifying. A few words were spoken by Elder Matthew to the effect that he was thankful that he belong'd to a chh. & people whose work & labor was to make self sacrifices for the good of each other; & to live pure clean lives unspotted & untarnished by sin. Somewhat more freedom was manifested in this meeting than what is usual. A considerable number spoke, ministering good things to us. O. C. Hampton said that tho' some had observ'd, that "only the fools were always speaking", yet rather than loose the privilege of testifying his faith occasionally, he would prefer to belong to the Category of fools & take the consequences. He had been rais'd in a community wherein purity was enjoin'd & the flesh with the affections and Lusts were renounc'd & also where we all made constant self-sacrifices for each other; & for all this he was glad & rejoic'd & intended to continue in the work to the end of his life. Sister Ellen (2d in the Elder's order) spoke freely of her good intentions to build faithfully on the foundation laid by the older Brethren & Sisters. O. C. H. said like Moses of old, he chose rather to suffer with the people of God than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season - To rise to a higher & holier sphere thro' the medium of

Spiritual self-discipline, rather than go to his final account thro' the ghastly portals of sensuality. Several Brethren & sisters endors'd these remarks. Emily Hampton — Eliza Thomas, & some others made short and pertinent remarks; & so the meeting clos'd after receiving Love from Waterleet, by the visitors Gustave Thomas Eldress Sallie & Susan Harmston — also Francis Rodriguez who was there some time previously.

May 6. Sab. Eve. Prayer meeting was improv'd by singing mostly. Elder Cephas & O.C. Hampton made some remarks about the necessity of living to the laws of Physiological health, if we hop'd to secure the blessings of spiritual health & happiness.

May 13. Sabbath. As this day was improv'd in the attendance of the funeral of our deceas'd sister Allura Dewitte, which was very solem & impressive & fill'd with many edifying remarks relative to the deceas'd & also the living; — no other meeting was held this day. Funeral & burial all before noon.

May 20. Sabbath. Held our Chh. meeting in the Meeting House, for the first time since last Autumn. Meeting very good. Elder Wm address'd us feelingly & appealingly to us all, on the necessity of keeping & using the two edged sword to guard the way of the Tree of life, as was recorded of the ancient Cherubim in the Garden of Eden. He look'd upon Believers as in similar conditions. He further said he had felt greatly humbled before God & made to feel his dependence upon his Divine Providence thro some heavy trials pass'd thro' at White Water relative to the Dill cases.

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Sabbath - May 20th C. C. Hampton & several others follow'd Elder William in a similar vein & altogether the meeting was uncommonly good.

Sab. May 27th. Elder Amos express'd grave apprehensions lest Radicalism thro' the instrumentality of science showed undermine the first principles of the Gospel. Elder Wm made some earnest labors to induce all to march in a gift & according to our often repeated instructions heretofore. He was quite successful; - but a few we are sorry to say, show'd too great an indifference. This reform is greatly needed. Evening Prayer Meeting. Elder Amos solemly admonished us against giving or taking offence. Elder Wm read an edifying poem on the the theme of the Ch. leavening back into the spirit of the world. Several songs were sung & 3 or 4 brethren & sisters spoke for the edification of the meeting. Elder Matthew being unwell was not pres't.

Sab. June 3. To day, pursuant to advertisment our public meeting opend; but owing to the rain of the morning & the unpropitious appearance of the weather but few were present, either of our own people or outsiders. Elder Matthew led in exhortation by expressing his thankfulness, that we were dwelling in a country so enlightend, that its laws permitted him & all of us to worship God according to the dictates of each ones own Conscience. He made the spectators welcome to our meeting & hop'd all would feel free, (as) our own people)

to speak any good word the spirit might dictate. O. C. Hampton, after some singing and marching, deliver'd a short discourse on the confession of sin & fruitions versus Hopes, in enabling one to be assured of at onement with God. Of the present, in preference to the future, for the practical demonstration & enjoyment of Religion.

Evening Prayer meeting;-Went off ass usual with the exception that Elder William announc'd that it was propos'd to have O. C. Hamplon to move into the Elder's lot as assistant to Elder Matthew & that any objections to said proposal be presented & the perr'd against such appointment, by Tues. evening (proximo) & if thereupon, no objections appear sufficient to counteract the arrangement by that time, said arrangement would be consider'd confirm'd & go into effect. (Said gift went into effect at the specified time.

Sab. June 10. Society meeting was well attended. A Brother and Brother in law of Elder Matthew were in attendance & express'd themselves highly pleased with all they saw and witness'd. The meeting was quite good.

Sab. June 17. Society tolerably well represented. After the usual singing and marching the public were address'd by O. C. Hampton from the 8th Chap. of Micah. The meeting was largely attended & audience very attentive. Prayer meeting was improv'd in the usual manner by singing & some speaking.

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Sabbath. June 24th Society meeting was rather short owing to the fa= tigueing labors of the Harvest.—

Sab. July 1. Public Meeting was largely attended; addressed by O. C. Hampton. The attendance of the Society was respectable, but not as many present as we should like to see. —"— Prayer meeting was held but no singing meetg.

Sab. July 8. Society meeting as usual as also Prayer meeting in the evening.

Sab. July 15. Public meeting was addressed by O. C. H. from John 1. Ch. 3d v 16. We have crouded houses & respectful hearers. At Prayer meeting O. C. H. read a remark= able article from the pen of A. J. Davis on the character & mission of Ann Lee.

July 22d Sab. Society meeting was as usual Nothing peculiar transpired therein. And of Prayer meeting may the same be said— indeed Prayer meetings have long since become rather monotonous.

Sab. July 29. Geo. R. Amory of White Water addressed the spectators & is said to to have made an excellent discourse. The writer of this was not present. Bro. George's discourse was on the atonement. Prolific of serious meditations.

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Sabbath, July 29th There was no meeting for prayer in the evening on account of a case of drowning in our pond, of a man from the Red Sion by the name of Miller & a son in law of one of our tenants living at the mill. The Brethren toild from the later afternoon till 2½ O.C. next morn but could not recover the Body. It was however, recover'd the next day at about 8 O'clock (July 30th) Was taken in charge by the friends of the deceas'd & buried at Red Sion.

August 5th Sabbath. Elder William led Society meeting; which was quite good & attended with the usual good ministration.

Aug 12. Sab. Puplic meeting quite good, with large Audience in attendance. Discourse was from Hebrews. Good behavior all round.

Aug. 19. Sab. Society meeting was held & was not remarkable for any thing uncommonly new or interesting but good nevertheless.

Aug. 26. Sab. Public meeting was good. Elder Mathew open'd by a short address, exhorting to freedom of speech & thankfulness for our privileges. Elder William made some exellent remarks concerning the sorrows & miseries of the world. Shakerism was the remedy. No shaker own'd $200,000. but all shared in a pentecostal equality of blessings. Unselfishness was the grand remedy for the World's evils. O. C. Hampton follow'd by a discourse on the Pentecostal Chh.

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September 2. (Society meeting.) Sabbath. Society meeting was held & passed of as usual. The writer being at Watervleet is not able to describe these meetings very critically.

Sept 9. Sab. to be held Public Meeting as usual, continues here on every alternate Sabbath.

Sept. 16 Sab. Sabbath. Meeting as usual.

Sept. 23d. Sab. This was our last public meeting for the present season & it has been a great success & we hope, profitable to us all both outside & inside of Shakerdom.

Sept 30. Sab. This was the last public meeting of the Chh. at Watervleet, for this season The meetings at that Society were also very successful & the Audiences large & respectable. All went off very well. Chh. meeting or Society meeting was held here to day. So this Sabbath closes the public meetings & ministration for the present season.

Oct. 7. Sabbath Society meeting as usual.

Oct. 14. Sabbath. Meeting - but nothing extraordinary.

Oct. 21. Sabbath. Meeting much after the common (style.

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October 28. Sabbath. Owing to bad weather we had no Chh. or at least Society meeting. One or two from other families dropp'd in however. But nevertheless we were bless'd in an unusual manner by having the presence of our God & worthy Elder Hervey S. Eades from Southunion with us we exchang'd much Love & good feelings. We were all glad to meet him once more & feel his cheering genial spirit.
Evening Prayer meeting was also favor'd with Elder Hervey's presence whom we loaded with blessing & sent away rejoicing (as we hope) to his Southern home. Some excellent reading was also improv'd in as well as singing & speaking by several.

November 4th. Sabbath. Meeting of the Society solemn and edifying. Some excellent discourse was improv'd in, & many seem'd to realize that they were there for spiritual food & blessing. Such meetings are a sacred privilege.
Eve. This evening our Prayer meeting abounded in good ministrations - singing, speaking & repeating beautiful passages of scripture.

Nov. 11. Sabbath. Good singing meeting in the morng. Society meeting was very good. E. Wm. remarked that where he had been lately (viz) Waterloo & North Union) he had noticed encouraging zeal in the chh's to invite worthy persons into Zion & reject the unworthy, who could profit neither themselves nor others by uniting with Believers. He observ'd further that as the temple of Solomon was built & the stones all came together without the sound of a hammer, because the had all been previously prepared in the Mountains of Judea ready to be laid up; so he

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Nov. 11. was well pursuaded that many souls were now being prepaired in the Mountains of sin outside of Zion for a home within her sacred borders. O. C. Hampton express'd himself as thankful for so critical & practical a commentary on our holy principles of life, as our Constitution & By-Laws furnish'd for our guidance.
We also receiv'd love from Watervliet by the late party visiting there. " "

Nov. 18. Sab. Meetings as usual-About ordinary.

Nov. 25. " "Never despair O Brother", a new Hymn, was sung. Meeting was about common without unusual features.

Nov. 29. Thurs. Kept this, as a day of Thanksgiving by order of the President of the U.S.A. Had a good meeting at 10 O.C. A.M. Many express'd thanks for our blessings & privileges both temporal & spiritual. But I suppose, notwithstanding the general feeling of thankfulness & joyful exultation there were perhaps more than one sorrowful heart in that meeting. It is very seldom indeed that in such a congregation all hearts are attuned to the same joyous key of tranquility & contentment. Some are borne down with affliction from the prevalence of evils incident to conditions of hereditary entailment upon them over which they have no control. Some of us again see many ways in which happiness might be greatly augmented but without power to accomplish any thing.

December 16th Sabbath. Society meeting. Elder Wm exhorted all to prepare for the day of Yearly sacrifice for sin, which was to be held on next Sabbath, by bringing to our recollection every sin and derilection from duty, we had been guilty of during the past year. Elder Amos brot to our minds the Christian injunction to return good for evil under all circumstances, & urgently pressd upon all, the necessity of obeying this Divine injunction. Meeting continued over an hour. In these troublous times there is unfortunately to be a great lack of clear open testimony in our meetings. ——"

Dec. 23. Sab. Kept this as a day of Yearly Sacrifice for sin, by opening of minds & confessing all wrongs.

Dec. 25. Tues. Avery good and happy Chh. & Society meeting. Many spoke of thankfulness for the Gospel & of good resolutions to be more faithful than heretofore. Exhortations to forgiveness of all injuries, hard feelings &c. & to come into union & genuine Christian fellowship.

Dec. 30. Sab. This is the last Sabbath of this year, & being a rather unfavorable day few from their families were present. Elder Wm Spoke on the subject of the unpardonable sin. And also exhorted all to beware of slighting their privilege for fear they might never be able to forgive themselves. And furthermore warned those who could never forgive their Brethren and sisters, that they must be treated with until they either will forgive or leave the Chh. Hence he enjoin'd it on the Chh. Elders to see that labors were continually made with these disaffected ones until they were willing to be reconciled to their Brethren & Sisters or separated themselves from the Society. ——"

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January 6th	Sabbath. A very good meeting. An unusual amount of freedom and a testimony against the flesh. E. William - E. Nichols - O. C. Hampton Julia O'Connell and several others spoke good & cheering sentiments. Brother John Sessmann being here from Waterloo received the Love of the Chh. to take home.
Jan. 13. Sab.	Only the Centre family were present on acct. of inclement weather. Elder William referr'd chiefly to uniformity in marching & to walking lightly thro. the house & especially in retiring time. O. C. Hampton of his anxiety to fill up what was yet behind of the sufferings of Christ = of renewed resolutions to keep good order & especially touching the proper separation which should be maintained between the sexes. Elder Wm also gave us a gift to read the Manifesto thro' during the coming year.
Jan. 20. Sab.	The minutes of this & several following meetings were not particularly noted. There was however nothing special, to distinguish them from ordinary meetings of this kind. (Spiritual
Feb. 3. Sab.	Exhorted to save all - temporal & Also to obedience to our Lead.

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February 24.	Sabbath. Society meting was noted for a powerful appeal to all to Shake off bondage. Elder Wm. spoke with great vehemence- Some look'd rather wild.
March 3	Sabbath. Meeting about as usual. Our prayer metings still continue, but are not so interesting as we could wish.
March 10.	Sab. The playing of Fiddles once more severely interdicted by Elder Amos, & the interdict was seconded by Elder William.
March 17.	Sabbath. The Society were exhorted to abstain from swines flesh. Elder William also exhorted all to maintain and retain the standard of righteousness they had attain'd & never suffer it to depreciate;- rather raise it higher & higher. O. C. Hampton insisted on the observance of good Order, deducing the proofs of the necessity thereof, both from observation & experience. We were likewise required to renew our zeal in attending to all our meetings; Union meetings not excepting Union meetings.

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April 21. Sab. We had a good Society meeting. O. C. Hampton deliverd a short discourse on the necesity of sacrificing private interest to public good in a Community. Elder Ephas some on what constituted the terms of Gospel acceptance. Love was sent to those unable to attend.

At Prayer meeting O. C. H. spoke on the necesity of curbing our anger at the moment when it is most needed so to do. Bro. Philip Bender read a short poem. Our meetings are all very much alike in these later times;- indeed so much so, that the above description would perhaps answer as well for many other meetings as for the one therein described.

May 12. Sabbath. West Family not present. The singing was good & also the selection of Songs. The meeting was quiet. Elder Matthew & Ephas. Spoke a little. Love was sent to all invalid Absentees.

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May 19. Sab. We held Society meeting. The Ministry were in attendance & gave us much Love from Mount Lebanon North Union & Watervliet Societies. Elder Wm. said that the first principles of the Gospel were still faithfully maintained at Mount Lebanon. Furthermore that their external surroundings were gotten up with reference to use- convenience & ornament & they fully advocated & justified these policies.

At Prayer meeting O. C. Hampton spoke on the necessity of forgiveness, & of restraining ourselves from the wanton use of cutting wounding speeches.

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May 26. Sabbath. Good pleasant meeting. The N. Union visitors attended (viz) Bro. Watson Andrews & Sisters Temperance Devan - Amarilla Coger & Alma Mc. Gill. They gave out a large store of Love, both from North Unions & Waterleet O. This Sabbath was also remarkable for the occurrence of two funerals which were held in honor of our two good aged Sisters Lettie Lockwood of the First Family, aged about 81. & Ursula Baker of the Second Order aged 92 or 3. North Union visitors attended this funeral & also. Reading - Speaking & singing were appropriately united in & the funeral was good & attended by the whole Society.

June 2. Sabbath Held public meeting for the first this season O. C. Hampton addressed the spectators. Not many in attendance either from outside or of own Society. Not very much interest taken in public meetings in this Society. Sad.

June 9. Sabbath. Society meeting at the usual time. O. C. Hampton goes to Waterleet & addresses the public meeting at that Society, every alternate Sabbath. He is there to day.

June 16. Sab. Weather threatening rain & spectators few. West family also absent. O. C. H. spoke to the congregation. Text. Remember now thy Creator &c. See Eccl. Chap. 12. Suggestive. Elder Cephas - Leopold - Chas. Clapp & Lizzie Dove all spoke, & to general edification.
At Prayer meeting O. C. H. read

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the 2d section of a remarkable sermon preached by the Rev. Fredric W. Farrar Canon of West Minster England. Lizzie Dove also read a sublime chapter from the Book of Job. Elder Cephas spoke some in confirmation of the truth of the Sermon.

June 23. Sabbath. It appears there were meetings on this day, but the writer of this being then on a mission to Waterviet is not informed of the proceedings thereof.

June 30. Sabbath. Public meeting was attended by about 200 persons. Elder William expressid his thankfulness for being surrounded by persons & conditions & espially a Revelation from Heaven & enabling him to gain his salvation & acceptance with God. Elder Matthew in a similar strain & exhorted all to lay hold of a blessing, who had come with vessels prepared. Every thing seemid calculated to edify. Lizzie Dove made some very appropriate remarks. After exercise the Spectators were addressid from a text in John Chap. 1. v. 12. 3. et Seq.

July 7. Sabbath. Society & singing meeting. Elder William leaves for White Water rather urgently.

July 14. Sabbath. Public meeting closely crouded. Elder Matthew expressid thankfulness for the privilege of being one of an Institution whose object was to live above all sin & wickedness. Made the spectators welcome to hear & see all our worship & theory of Religion. Elder Wm

was thankful for his home with a people above the slavery of fashion & its slavish expenses. Told of a young man who had to spend all he could make to keep himself in these fashions. The discourse to the Spectators was a parallel between real Christianity & what went under the name- dwell on Celibacy- Community of goods, confession of sins (auricular) &c. Lizzie Macy said affections must show themselves by kind actions &c. Ruth Webster confess'd Christ in the female & her faith in that theory.

July 21. Sabbath. In C'hh. meeting Elder William exhorted all to resist the flesh even in thot for if any yielded thereto even in thot they would loose their protection & work their separation from the faithful.

July 28. Sabbath. Public meeting was good- Audience large. Discourse to Spectators was preface'd by A. J. Davis's Dissertation on Ann Lee. Singing meeting was unusually good.

Aug. 4. Sabbath. Writer away & no account kept of the meetings of this Sabbath day.

Aug 11. Sabbath. Meeting. Elder Matthew express'd thankfulness for the privilege of belonging to a nation & people who were permitted to worship God according to the dictates of each one's own Conscience- See over.

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Elder William Spoke lengthily of thankfulness for his privilege of living a life a life of Purity & continence. Cited the case of Elder James Whittacre who testified that no woman could ever lay her shame sin & disgrace at his door.

The discourse to the spectators was from Matthew Chap. 25. v. 31 et seq to end of chap.

Aug. 18. Sabbath. Meetings were at home to day.

Aug 25. Sabbath. Public meeting. West family absent. O. C. Hampton said Some seem'd discouraged an account of the decimation of our numbers - but should not be so because the dynamic forces of the Universe were Rhythmic - (viz) Religious revivals were rife at one time & deaths at another following the pulsating Law. Moreover we were joined to the Ch triumphant of all the myriad saints who have gone before us to the Spirit Land. Furthermore the Savior hath said "Where ever two or three are gathered together in my name there would he be in their midst" Elder W^m was thankful for his joining to a people & a place where he could make some noticeable gain in holiness each year, & not subject to relapses into sin as was the case in outside conditions. Lizzie Dare made a short but excellent exhortation & expressed a determination to be more kind and appreciative thereafter. Discourse to Spectators was improvised for the occasion & gave a general description of the doctrines & life of Believers in Ch^s 2^d appr^g.

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September 1. Sabbath. No accounts of the meetings of this day were preserved; the writer or recorder being absent.

Sept 8. Sabbath. In our Public meeting this day it was announced that this would be the last one of the present season.

Sabbath Sept 15. Society meeting was noted for very little speaking. Nevertheless it was tho' a moderate, yet a good feeling meeting. Singing good & ministrations satisfying. Sent our Love to Eldress Louisa & others necessarily absent. (Eldress Louisa has been lately sick.)

Oct. 13. Sabbath. Society meeting. Elder Amos held forth upon the necessity of preserving the ancient purity of the Gospel without adding thereto or diminishing therefrom addducing the scripture of Hay wood & stubble foundations being not fireproof &c.

Oct. 20. Sabbath. West family were absent. O. C. H. exhorted to resist all discouragement by reflecting upon the millions of the saints of the Chh. triumphant who had gone before & to whom we are indissolubly joined. Also to keep in the safe medium between the extremes of Radicalism & Conservatism. The meeting was very comfortable.

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October. 27. Sabbath. West Grame family absent. Elder Matthew spoke of his thankfulness to see so many present, & especially the aged veterans of the society. Hoped we should have a good meeting & be free & our meeting was in our own hands &c. Our meeting was a very good one & several brethren & sisters spoke in short, & edifying discourses. Singing meeting was omitted. Prayer meeting was also edifying & several good songs were sung & considerable speaking on the subject of keeping a proper separation between the sexes, so as to maintain pure Relations; which was to be reach'd by attending strictly & conscientiously to the Rules & regulations of our Society relative to this important subject. During the meeting Elder Matthew O. C. Hampton – Elder Cephas – Sister Clarissa – Eldress Emily – Bro. Charles Clapp – Susan Liddil all spoke & more than usual response was made to the several testimonies in favor of good Order.

Nov. 3. Sabbath. Society meeting was good. Elder William opened by saying, if there was any thing to be thankful for, it was, that we were able to stand pure & justified before God – free from the sin and corruptions of the world. He thank'd every one young & old – both those who had built the place & those who came after, who had stood faithful & thereby had helped him to keep the good way. He said again – Even vicious persons – Thieves – Liars – swearers debauchees, could bear restraint for a time in the hope of a "Blow out" after a period

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of such restraint. But the Gospel required an everlasting relinquishment of all sin. Eldress Louisa bore a swift testimony against all low sensual conversation & insinuations. Many united in these testimonies warmly. Some lively exercise was united in & Elder Wm. closed by insisting on all confessing every known sin, who desired the comfort & satisfaction of a quiet home among Believers.

Evening Prayer meeting was omitted to visit with Bro. Elhanan Scott (Trustee of Pleasant Hill) who was too unwell to attend Society meeting.

Nov. 10. Society & singing meeting. At Society meeting Elder William spoke on the necessity of self-sacrifice for the sake of Uniformity - one of the hardest requisitions on a Believer. Also on the great need of taking the first step in the process of the Resurrection (viz) confessing all known sin. C. C. H. spoke of Peace & Union - not making a Bro. or Sister an offender for a word. It was a good meeting & it is hoped all were benefitted by it.

Nov. 17. Sabbath. No way different from the usual routine - Prayer meeting as usual. Some singing & some speaking.

Nov. 24. Sab. Society meeting. Elder William spoke mostly on the day & labor of the Yearly Sacrifice for sins, which was to be held on next sabbath proximo, which gift he hoped all would be earnest & honest to improve faithfully.

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December 1. Sabbath. This day was improved as a day of Yearly Sacrifice for sins, by true & honest confession of all wrong & sin & sincere repentance for for the same. —

Dec. 8. Sabbath. The Recorder being sick the minutes of this meeting cannot be written but there was nothing unusal in its character.

Dec. 15. The Recorder being at Whitewater on this Sabbath — no minutes were preserved. —

Dec. 22. Sabbath. Meeting of our family alone. O. C. Hampton exhorted to faithful compliance with the Constitution & By-laws of our Community as the only means of securing its benefits & deliverances from sin & its truly satisfying results. Elder Wm. said Nothing could give any one more satisfaction than to feel that he was living a true & not a false life — that his outward actions were a true representation of his inward spiritual state & both were pure & good.

Dec. 25. Christmas. Was kept as Sabbath day. We had meeting at home. Elder Wm. made some remarks expressing his thankfulness for the advent of our Savior & the way of Salvation which he opened to mankind. The meeting however was

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rather dull and undemonstrative. In fact there is a cloud hang over the Chh. at present & its inhabitants are laboring under heavy tribulation. ——"——"——

Jan. 5. 1879. Sabbath. Only a family Meeting. Elder Matthew stated that every one had an opportunity of serving either God or the selfish principle in him-or herself. For his part he wished to serve God & wholly deny the selfish principle. He met with several responses to this sentiment. Otherwise the meeting was quite moderate, & many were absent.

Jan 12. Sabbath. Elder William spoke in reproof of Brethren & sisters, who open'd their trials & disorders to others besides their Elders. Meeting was rather brief & moderate. There was no prayer meeting in the eve.

Jan. 19. Sab. I find no record of this Sabbath.

Jan. 26. Sab. Meetings greatly lacking in power inspiration & in fact numbers these days;—which indeed are days of sore trial.

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Feb. 2. Sabbath. Elder Wm. reproved the flagrant disorder in ately. He also said that there appeard to be signs of an approaching revival of Religion, the great question was "Are we prepared? O. C. Hampton bore a plain testimony against the flesh & exhorted to purity of life &c. &c.

Evening. Prayer meeting. Eldress Matthew plainly & explicitly drew the line of demarkation between a true Shaker & one who was merely stopping amongs Believers — Said that no one who had not confessed his or her sins, had taken the first step in Shakerism. O. C. Hampton read Mother Ann's words concerning the confession of sins. — " —

Feb. 9. Sab. I was not present but heard that Eld. Wm. had a circular read on the subj. of Chh. councils for temp. (correspondence) business. Also he reproved the sending & receiving disorderly cor=

Feb. 16. Sabbath. Elder Aron Babbit's funeral & burial occurr'd to day about 9½ O. C. A.M. The funeral was solemn — good & edifying to all.

Feb. 23. Sabbath. The funeral of our highly esteemd & much beloved Eldress Elizabeth Farr took place to day at 2½ O. C. P. M. Very solem & edifying abounding in good Hymns — reading of Poems as tributes of respect, & many good and serious ad= monitions & exhortations to the solid edification of all as we earnestly hope.

March 2. Sab. Rains all day. Meetings at home. Elder Wm. read a communication from outside spiritualists & purporting to have been given by Ann Lee. It seemd to have the right

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March 16. Sab. Elder Amos stirs up to the necessity of greater zeal & industry in temporal interests. Meting otherwise not to be particularly distinguish'd from those of the ordinary cast.

Mar. 23. Sab. Elder William gave us a synopsis of the character of that dispensation of former years call'd "Mothers work"; superadding, that even as in those days, so now in this our day all gifts purporting to come from whomsoever or from whatsoever source must receive the recognition & sanction of the visible Order of God on earth ere they could become part & parcel of those things bearing on us as obligations or to be be relied on for anything. At Prayer meeting (eve.) a good piece was read, composed by Bro. William Allinder. O. C. Hampton read regulations concerning fire. Elder William spoke upon the extravagant use of Tobacco. " " "

Mar 30. Sab. — Elder Matthew expressed his thankfulness of the privilege of being associated with a Community whose sole Object & motive was to live lives of purity & Righteousness. Elder Isaac seconded these sentiments & was followed by Elder Cephas. — "

April 6. Sab. Our meetings partake of such a uniform sameness, & are so very undemonstrative these days, that any of the half dozen meetings previous to this will answer equally well as a description of this. O for a Religious revival.

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April 13. Sab. In meeting Elder William spoke about there being no house-keepers left- of the great want of prudence judgement- foresight- economy &c. at present existing in the Chh. to which he attributed our poor living- meagre table &c. Elder Amos spoke with considerable warmth against the use of Tobacco & Swine's flesh amongst us.

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Apr. 20. Sab.- Our meetings seem to decrease in every element calculated to give life zeal & interest to them. If it were not for the singers I hardly know what they would finally come to. But our singing meetings are kept up with commendable zeal & our singers generally try to make our Society & chh. meetings as much of a success as their abilities can achieve. The same ~~may~~ may be said in their favor, in regard to funerals & prayer meetings. " "

Apr. 27. Sab.- No record was kept of this meetg.

May. 4. Sab. O. C. Hamplow opened by saying as we work'd 7 days in a week, wherein we concentrated our interest & attention upon our temporal interests; so also the Sabbath was set apart especially for gaining Spiritual blessings & particularly was this the case in our chh. Assembly or might be & out to be so. & oped accordingly, that all would be thus employed. " " " "

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May 11. Sabbath. Sabbath. Elder Amos tried to inspire us with zeal & was afraid there might be not a few, who like some of old "had not even heard that there was a Holy Ghost"; but exhorted all to cultivate the faith they possessed & more would be given them. This was responded to by Elder William & others. The singing was well performed by the Choir. We also had a good singing meeting in the morning & an Edifying Prayer meeting in the evening. Let the Lord Send us a Revival.

June 1. Sab. I find no mention of any meeting in the Society since May 11. probably owing to the fact, that the recorder about this time was at White Water. To day's meeting was very sparsely attended. Elder Wm. faithfully exhorted to perseverance in a life of purity & righteousness - that they would find hereafter the same kind of pure sweet Society their holy lives while here would deserve far above the plane of the undisciplin'd & unprogress'd. Elder Leopold said he tried to so live that his enimies could find nothing in him to deserve censure. That we could not correcly judge of the conduct of others, because we could not occupy the standpoint from which they view'd their own conduct, to judge from. Elder Isaac desired to cultivate freedom & purity in order to make himself acceptable to pure & free society in a better world. Prayer meeting as usual Elder Matthew announc'd that Frank Brady was duly appointed Farm deacon. Some singing & a very little speaking were done.

June 8. Sabbath. Public meeting. Discourse was on the subject of Peace. Text Isaiah 26. v. 1. 2. 3.

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June 8. Sab. At Prayer meeting E. Amos expres'd his thankfulness for the singing gift, & the zeal of the singers in keeping it up. Elder Wm. said he thot if Frank Brady had to be Farm deacon & also carry on the singing gift, he ought to have time to prepare his songs.

June 15. Sabbath. Singing meeting was attended by Thomas Wilson, a Swedenborgian Delegate from England. Society meting at 2½ P.M. was attended by said Wilson & a Mr. French Dairyman from near Cincinnati. The burden of Elder Williams discourse was If we really believ'd this to be the true Gospel it would seem as if many (by their daily walk) set a very light estimate on it, so far as practical illustration in their daily life went. He admonish'd all to have a more serious consideration of the subject & a more consistent practical walk in their daily life. He said if any could hurt the feelings of others with apparent unconcern & without a proper apology, they were giving signs of spiritual death. Also if indulging in impure imaginations, the showed signs of being spiritually dead. Desired the Br. & Sisters to shake & dance which was done. Eldress Adaline gave a very earnest exhortation to the young, to faithfulness & consecration of their youth to purity & a righteous life.

June 22. Sab. Public meeting was addres'd by Dr. Goepper, in a discourse defining Infidelity. His discourse tho' short was logical & to the point. Prayer meeting was about as usual. Singing constitutes ⅘ of all our meetings.

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June 29. Sab. Society meeting was solemn and edifying. Four or five strangers attended. Elder Matthew expressid his thanks for his & our privilege to worship God in peace, & according to the dictates of our own consciences. He believ'd all might receive a Blessing in our united capacity & a strength & Edification toward a higher life — Bro. Cephas spoke of the "One faith — One Lord & One Baptism," necessary to be maintain'd among Believers &c. Prayer meeting was notic'd for the appointment of Committee to gather up the chairs — stools — pans &c used in time of the picking of currants — Raspberries &c. The committee nominated were Louisa Weldon & Ella Buckley.

July 6. Sabbath. Public meeting was densely crowded by a well behaved & intelligent Audience, whom Elder Matthew made welcome. He also said our life was composid of celibacy — community of goods — confession of all known sin &c. & all who came prepared would doubtless receive a blessing. O. C. Hampton spoke from 1 John v. 1. 2. on the Duality of deity & the Universe. Meeting at least ordinarily good.

July 13. Sabbath. No mention of this meeting in my notes.
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July 27. Sabbath. Society meeting. Elder Wm. spoke to edification on several points (viz) showing all our correspondence to the Elders — evil & obscene communications to young persons &c. — Elder Amos spoke of the great safety & peace of keeping good Order. Eldress Louisa also gave the Sisters a very good exhortation to good Order & Duty. Not to hire Brethren by getting them extra meals.

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July 27. Sab. That when they could go to the common table, to get them no extra meals. The Exhortations were all needed.

August 10. Sab. Society meeting. Elder William delivered a lengthy & Excellent discourse on Humility Brotherly Love & sisterly kindness and appreation; & the discipline necessary to bring us really to enjoy the beatific state afforded and promised us by the Gospel;- Admonish'd a discordant grumbling spirit- assured us justice would be done to all. Elder Leopold also held forth in an edifying way approv'd by all. His was a ministration of love & gratitude to the chh, for its kindness to him, in treating him with such Brotherly & Sisterly regard since he had been among Believers. I thot his discourse might have shamd some of the members much older in privilege & experience than himself.- Prayer meeting was improv'd in singing & reading from the "Bible of the Ages".

Note. The meetings of the Society are so very much alike, that a description of one would answer very well for a great many. So much is this the case, that it becomes monotonous as well as uninteresting to both reader & writer. If therefore if an extended description or even a notice of a meeting at all should be occasionally omitted I hope the reader will pardon the omission & look upon those which are describ'd as a pretty fair fac simile of the whole;- more especially if I assure him, as I will, that should any meeting occur out of the common groove I will be sure to give an extended description of the same- O. C. Hampton.

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October 12. Sabbath. Society meeting. Elder Matthew said as the weather was warm we could not consistently have much exercise but he hop'd every one who felt to speak for the edification of the meeting would do so early & not wait till the close of the meeting. Several spoke & Elder Amos at considerable length on the subject of ancient Jno Ezeal – said he would be glad to see more of it than at the present. Otherwise the meetg was much as usual.

Oct. 24. Sabbath. Elder Amos held forth on the subj. of Obedience. Advis'd him who had no sword to sell his fleshly garment & by one. We labor'd some in quick manner for a little change

Nov. 2. Sabbath. Society Meeting. Not one word was said in our meeting to day. Singing & marching constituted the entire Service.

Nov. 9. Sabbath. Held Sister Charlotte Parkhurst's funeral to day, which was good & well attended. We had no other services besides this. —v—

Nov. 16. Sabbath. Two letters were read in Society meeting to day – one relating to Tobacco, the other to Pleasant Hill. Tobacco utterly condemn'd; & Pleasant Hill policy gravely criticis'd. Elder Amos exhorted to stick to the old foundations – remaining one, in all things. Elder Wm followd in a similar strain & said if any one preach'd any other doctrine they must be made to keep silence.

At Prayer meeting Elder Amos said he felt the presence of a Spirit of Repentance, & a coming together in more love toward each other. This was about that was said but a considerable singing was done. All our prayer meetings abound in singing.

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Nov 23. Sab. Society meeting was good. Geo. A. Lomas present & delivered a most excellent discourse, redolent of sound doctrines & gospel ministrations. Exhorted to confession of all known sin- celibate life- community of goods &c, & dwelt with much weight on the subject of Love, 1st to the Brethren & sisters, 2d Love to Enemies as well as friends 3d Love to all mankind saints & sinners. Albert praised our singing & was very much pleas'd with his visit to Union Village. And we were were all quite as much pleased with him as he was with us.

Nov. 30. Sabbath. Meeting as usual. Elder Amos spoke encouragingly to us & rather in a comforting manner. Meeting not lengthy.

Dec. 7. Sabbath. Society meeting about as usual.

Dec. 14. Sabbath. This day was improv'd as a day of yearly sacrifice for sin & uncleanness & the opening of the mind & confession of every wrong. I hope it was faithfully improv'd.

Dec 21. Sabbath. In our Afternoon Meeting Elder Amos said there was no condition either among Believers or outside, which could not be improved & refined & made more perfect. That the best way to find individ= improvement & refinement was inward self discipline & the avoidance of severe & uncharitable criticisms of others & especially of Elders &c. Elder Matthew ex= pressed a few words of thankfulness for his privilege. The meeting was rather short on account of much cold & influenza prevailing in the family at this time.

December 28. Sabbath. Elder Amos & the Elders said but little, & in the usual strain of exhortation. After commencing the March, Julia O'Connell was unusually & involuntarily wrought upon (as she afterward asserted) by Eldress Elizabeth Fass. but unfortunately taken out of the room by some one who was unnecessarily alarmed at her strange operations.

Jan 4. 1880. Sabbath. Only the family at meeting none of the other families present - Gustave Eldress Emily - Elder Cephas made short addresses, in the ordinary style among Believers.

Jan. 11. Sabbath. In our Afternoon meeting Elder William said if any were taken under involuntary exercise, it was the duty of the Priesthood to see that such did not go to the wrong side of the house. Also a law case was read of a suit by the Grosvenors sisters in N. Hampshire for what they considered an act of unlawful excommunication from the society of Believers. The case however went in favor of defendants. The case was read to show the bearing of the covenant upon recalcitrant members whether their privilege be long or short.

Jan. 18. Sabbath. Society meeting was quite good. Elder Amos spoke on the necessity of holding on to our Inspirations, as being quite as reliable if not more so than those handed down to us thro' the New Testament, from the times of Jesus. That we should hold fast the living inspirations of Mother Ann & her companions, for they had the real unchangeable Gospel & if any edds presented to us a Gospel which even improved on Jesus' inspirations rather than a deterioration thereof. (But how then about its unchangeableness?)

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January 25. Sabbath. None of the Ministry were present to day. Elder Matthew exhorted all to improve any gift of inspiration they might have - & hoped every one might have a good meeting. Elder Sanford adverted to the subject of Christ's Second appearing & expresse his thankfulness for a participation in the same. Meeting very quiet & moderate.

Feb. 1. 1880. Sabbath. Elder Amos expressed great anxiety about innovations in regard to forms & fashions in the church not approved by those before us. Elder Wm. said paper collars must be discontinued. Meeting, otherwise not unusual.

Note. In these days our meetings are so very nearly alike, that unless something extraordinary should transpire, stirring the spiritual natures to an unusual degree the reader need not be surprised if every single Chh. or Society meeting should not be noticed & Critically Described in this Journal hereafter. He may be however assured, that any & every unusual or important feature, any meeting or series of meetings may assume, or any uncommon phase which may from time to time casually appear on the surface of any one meeting will be faithfully recorded - so long as the present recorder continues to write up the Divine Service. — O. C. Hampton - Recorder.

Feb. 29. Elder Amos took occasion to advert to this day as Mother's Birth day, & to remind us of the first principles of the Gospel, which she promulgd — for all to see that they were carrying out the same

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Feb. 29. Sabbath. strongly another & to a course of Christian courtesy to all, both by word & conduct. He also solemnly warned us all against carelessness in regard to fire, especially as we were about entering upon the windy month of March. without any innovations. Elder Wm admonished all to forgiveness of one

March. 14. Sab. Elder William - Elder Sanford & several others spoke by way of exhortation to avoid all innovations - That the Gospel is unchangeable & must be adhered to without variableness or shadow of turning.

Mar. 21. Sab. - Elder Amos held forth against all innovations in general, & against partiality in the Church in particular. Elder Sanford followed, quoting St. Paul, against introducing any thing new - even in word or thot &c. Elder William gave out that any who would not cut & comb their hair according to Believers' style must not come to Society meeting.

Mar. 28. Sab. No society meeting. In the family afternoon meeting Elder William spoke some on the subject of Obsession by invisible disembodied Spirits - Some good - some bad - even devilish Said the the Church was not to be fill'd up with crazy persons & fools - Did not want any countenance given to an obsessed fanatic who would talk about marrying to one of the opposite sex, that such could not be tolerated &c.

Apr. 4. Elder Amos exhorted us against Infidelity & introducing a loose sense which would seem inclined to leaven the principles of the Gospel back into the rudiments of the world till no difference would be any longer visible. Elder William urged the necessity of interest in getting in the Spring crops - cleaning door yards &c. &.

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April 11. Sabbath. Elder Amos spoke a little by way of general exhortation. Elder William gave an admonition & warning against presenting differences of sentiment in our public testimony to the world, but to present an unbroken front in our faith & principles. The West family was but sparsely represented

Evening. At Prayer meeting O. C. Hampton read a short discourse on the sermon on the Mount - by Wm. E. Channing thro' the mediumship of Sarah V. Richmond.

Apr. 18. Sabbath. Had Society meeting. Elder William spoke of the necessity of speaking - doing & living the truth. That inquiries were sometimes made which it would not be prudent to answer, & ought not either to be made or answered. Elder Amos compared the interference of the faithful with recalcitrant members to a good fruitful limb on a tree interfering with a dead limb - that such living limb would only jostle off its own fruit without doing any good to the dead limb. At the close of meeting we were required to skip up & down the room in companies of 8, 4 Brethren & 4 sisters for the sake of freedom, & to break up formality

Evening - At Prayer meeting Elder William rather discouraged efforts to dissuade persons from leaving Believers, who had made up their minds to leave. O. C. H. asked for company & support in his effort to suppress & cease from, all slandering & detraction, such support to consist of leaving it all off on the part of each individual.

Apr. 25. Sabbath. Elder William exhorted to holding fast to Gospel Orders, & especially

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attendance on meetings for Divine Worship. Said the Gospel was not a mere circumstance of chance, but a special Dispensation of Divine Providence, handed down from the Prophets & Inspired ones till at last it had reached us thro' our blessed Mother Ann, & he greatly desired to keep it in its pristine purity & perfection. He asked earnestly for the prayers of the Chh. & also for Love to take to North Union, where he expected to go shortly.

May 2. Sabbath. In Society meeting Elder Amos said some modern Spiritualists had gotten so far along as to assert, that no such man ever lived; that his life & teachings were all a myth. Did not want our Chh. to adopt any such ruinous infidelity &c. Elder Isaac—E. Matthew & Cephas also spoke briefly.

May 9. Sabbath. We enjoyed a very pleasant meeting altho' but little was said. Seeinging very good & the Society was well represented.

May 16. Sab. Meeting rather moderate. E. Matthew E. Sanford & Cephas spoke each a little, of thankfulness Spiritual enthusiasm, loyalty to the cause &c.

May 30. Sab. Elder Amos inveighed against infidelity—said it was no better to say Jesus Christ never existed, than to say Pontius Pilate never existed. Least ways however we had incontistible proof of the existence of our own Chh. which had stood over 100 years, & the principles instead of waning, sank deeper & deeper every year into the Heart of every good Believer. E. Matthew & Cephas spoke briefly in the common vein of Believers' discourses.

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June 6. Sab. Elder Thomas Damon is here from Hancock in the East. He gave us Love from the East also spoke some on Christian fellowship-relation to Believers-thankfulness for his privilege &c-also expressed his thankfulness for his visit to Union Village & the west. Eldress Louisa exhorted us earnestly to labor for Love & union. Meeting did not continue very long, but was good & comforting.

June 13. Sab. Meeting very short-not a word said.

June 20. Sab. Elder Amos revived the ancient testimony against the flesh with the affections & lusts; obedience to the Visible Order &c. An address by Elder Freegift Wells, made many years ago to the Chh. at Watervleet just previous to his coming West as Minister or Bishop of the western Churches, was read in our meeting to day at Elder Williams request. Meeting otherwise not unusual.

July 27. Sab. A very common meeting. Elder Matthew-Elder Isaac & Cephas spoke briefly-Nothing new or unusual transpired to ripple the waves of a very quiet-serene-almost stagnant formality.

July 4. Sab. Society met. Elder Wm had a letter to be read, written by Father James to his friends & relations in England in the year 1775. Elder Amos expressed his thankfulness for the hearing of it & exhorted all to stick to first principles manifesting much anxiety that

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there should be no departure therefrom. Elder William said this all the way in which the Chh. had been led, he sensed a God behind each dispensation. O. C. H. As the Church still existed after more than a century had gone by, he felt with E. William, the Providence of God in it, & could respond to the sentiment of the Ancient seer "Thou "art God the Eternal & underneath "are the everlasting arms". It was a very good feeling meeting, & blest to all, we hope.

July 11. Sab. Only family meetings to day. Elder William said the Office Br. & sisters must see to all strangers, in regard to meals-lodging-Entertainment &c. Bro " Gustabes exhorted to good order,- & was succeeded by O. C. H. Cephas &c. Elder & Eldress (Louisa & Amos) were both absent.

July 18. Sab. E. William said he was not satisfied with wishy washy testimonies;- wanted to hear sharp & powerful testimonies against the flesh with its affections & lusts Elder Matthew & others (viz) C. Clapp-Cephas- Eldress Adaline E. Emily H. O. C. H. S. C. Lydia &c &c followed briefly in response & agreement.

July 25. Sab. Elder Amos gave us a solid & earnest admonition against evil speaking one of another & of the different classes amongst us, as tho' there should be any such thing as class-distinctions among Believers. That he was nearly ready

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	guilt	this world, & did most earnestly leave this Admonition among us to cease all hatred & evil speak= ing & live in love & peace.
August 1.	Sab.	Society present. We were exhorted by the Ministry to discontinue the use of the words "Tramp & Trash" in speaking of our fellow beings Elder Isaac added a few words in confirmation, but the meeting was short & rather formal. However the singing was quite exceptionally good.
Aug 8.	Sab.—	Society Meting— Elder Millions said that owing to expenses incurr'd in repairing this season, none would be incurred in riding out this season. Meeting otherwise after the usual style of this present day & generation
Aug. 15.	Sab.—	The Ministry did not attend this meeting being gone to the Sec. family. Elder Matthew exhorted us earnestly to follow after the spirit of Love & union & peace & good will. He was followd in the same strain by E. Sanford— E. Isaac— Cephas &c.
Aug 22.	Sab.—	Society meeting. Elder Wm. solidly admonished us to cease all corrupt conversation & to confess all sin & uncleanness— to open all currupt communications to the Elders & there leave them;— & he detail'd the suffings in another world, of those who should fail to confess & forsake such wickedness. Many ear= nestly orally united in the gift. ——

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August 29.— Sabbath. Society meeting—Elder Wm. read some of the written Orders of the Chh. commenting on them as he went along. Eldress Louisa E. Matthew & Eldress Emily A. spoke a few words each & meeting closed, after the customary singing & marching.

September 5.— Sab. Society represented. Elder Matthew—Feelingly exhorted all to love & kindness to cease all evil speaking & be led governed & directed in all our goings by the Golden Rule. Bessie Mc. Cullock was operated upon by spiritual power to speak & declaim & cry in a violent manner. And O may this be a prelude to something more stirring than we have experienced in our meetings lately.

Sept 12. Sab.— Elder Matthew—& some others spoke briefly on the necessity of Love & good will toward eacher. This with the usual routine of singing & marching concluded this meeting which was not unusual in its features.

Sept. 19. Sab.— Elder Matthew proposid to give our Love to the Ministry as they had just arrivd home. Elder William said many of our principles had gone into the world—Temperance Women's Rights &c. Gave some of the experiences of a young man who had gone away & returnid—about his having found almost universal disappointment in all he had undertaken. Said young man had related what different

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September 19. persons among Believers had said to him previous to his leaving some encouraging him to stay— some to go. What could be thought of one who would openly persuade a young person to leave the way of God? He said the sisters ought to leap & dance for joy, as Mother Ann & her Gospel had emancipated them from the domination of the lusts of man, & given them control of their own bodies— Some other things he said which the writer did not catch. Elder Sanford roundedup with a few words in response to Elder Wm's discourse & thereupon meeting closed. ——

Sept 26. In our meeting to day Elder William announced that Bro. Gustave Thomas was to go to the Frame family as first Elder. Elnathan Petit of the South fam. to live with him & be temporal manager, Elder Isaac Beals to be relieved & go to the second Family & Leopold Goepper his associate Elder is to move to the Centre, & is appointed Physician to Union Village & other Western Societies of Believers.

Meeting otherwise after the usual manner. No very great spiritual excitem't. A Revival such as we had in the year 1837, would be an unspeakable boon to poor Union Village at this time. During that year, overwhelming Love & sympathy for each other was the dominating influence & moved us all powerfully to forgiveness— peace & universal reconciliation. What a glorious time.

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October 3. Sabbath. Elder William exhorted all with earnestness to come into just relations with Believers, & so esteem their privilege as to practically live it out, & receive its blessings and advantages. He referred to some whom Mother Ann had seen in the spirit world who had suffered until tears had made gutters in their cheeks—, wondered if any would keep right on in iniquity until this would be their sad fate in the life to come. We were all required to shake, and then had some lively exercise,—dancing & divine operations. Many felt great re= leasement, & deliverance from formal Bondage.

Oct. 10. The following songs were sung in to day's meeting viz. "Hear the sweet voice of the Shepherd"
"We're marching on we are marching on"
"O freedom lovely in my Eyes ——— "
"O the wells of salvation are open'd ——— "
"Give me the treasure that cannot be sold ——— "
"What tho' the elements gather ——— "
"Guard my flock protect my lambs ——— "
Meeting was about after the common style.

Oct. 17. Sabb.— Meeting was unusually harmonious. Elder Matthew—Elder Cephas—Elder Sanford—Eldress Emily—O. C. Hampton—Ruth Webster—all had more or less to minister by word of mouth, in the way of thankfulness, prophecy of still better things—good resolves &c. & a good feeling pervaded the meeting thro'-out.

Oct. 31. Sab. Society meeting. Elder Matthew expressed his thankfulness for his privileges. Desired we might have good ministrations. Bro.. Cephas—Elder Sanford, & Ruth Webster, ministered to our spiritual necessities.

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November 7. Sab. Elder Matthew plead long & loudly for more love & union to be cultivated, quoting the "new command=ment" spoken of by the Apostle John.— Elder Sanford inveighed against fashionable dress & folly. Bro. Cephas spoke a few words & many verbal endorsements were given to E. Matthew's exhortation. The meeting was rather longer than usual & Edifying to us all.—

Nov. 14. Sab. Society Meeting. Elder William read some, & also Chas. Clapp in regard to contributions to a house in Gloucester Maine. The letters came from the East & described a grange formed in that neighborhood & one also proposed by Be=lievers every member of which was to pay 10¢ for a membership— toward the building of said Gloucester house. Meeting otherwise about as usual.

Nov. 21. Sab. The Centre— South & West came present;— North absent. Elder William described the dreadful condition of mind of those who had turned away from Believers. Very little else said. This meeting just half an hour's 33.

Nov 28. Sab. Elder Amos, & then Elder Matthew in response thereto expressed their thank=fulness for the privilege of living with good Brethren & Sisters in whom they could could confide— but E. Amos deplored the want of faith of many, ex=horting those who were not sufficiently furnished with faith as to go through, not to try; as it was a fearful thing to put one's hand to the Gospel plow & go back.

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December 5. Sab. We have Society meeting. E. William (Elder) notified the meeting, that next Sab. was to be improved as the day of yearly sacrifice for sin. He furthermore dwelt at considerable length upon the character of the material which at this time presented itself for membership amongst us.— very little of it being of a character to promise any success as self disciplinarians or those who would be likely to perpetuate the Institution. Exhorted all to be sincere & honest in opening their minds & confessing all things not in unison with their conscience.

Elder Matthew responded to these remarks.

Dec. 12. Sab. Was improved in opening the mind commonly known as "the day of yearly sacrifice."

Dec. 19. Sab. The Society met— Elder William exhorted all to be open honest & sincere not to secretly do that which would not bear the light & scrutiny of public observation nor the approbation of the Order— Amen!

Dec. 25. Christmas— was improved as sab till Sunset. Family meetings at 10 O'Clock A.M. Elder William & Elder Matthew spoke on the subject of putting away & settling up, all hard feelings & having reconciliation & good union.

Elder William likewise said we were to remember the poor, & expressed his thankfulness for our compliance with the Gospel Grange gift. Bro. John Cooney spoke much to the purpose & Manus gave Verse from White Water & added some other remarks, on the loyalty of that Chh.

Dec 26. Sab.— Society meeting. Elder William spoke of the necessity of thorough conversion on the part of all, if they might have the least hope of final perseverance.

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January 2. Sabbath. We sang the fol'g
Songs "1. There is a stream whose waters flow"
2. " Cheer up cheer up ye chosen ones "
3. " I will shout & rejoice rejoice rejoice"
4. " We have receiv'd a hundred fold. "
5. " Lead me lead me Angels lead me "
6. " Hail to the warriors Leaders brave "
7. " In the hour of temptation — "

Jan. 9. Sab. — Elder William exhorted all to the practical maintenance of union & also expresed thankfulness for so large a turn out of Brethren & Sisters to the meeting — Had some lively exercise; — The close of meeting E. William said he dreamed of being told, that he must bless the people. Very pleasant & comforting meeting — " — " —

Jan. 16. Sab. — Society meeting. Elder William exhorted affectionately to duty & good order. Said that every one who was doing the best they could, would receive a blessing, let them feel ever so deficient, just so they would strive to improve & reach higher & higher planes of perfection, they would find a rich blessing.

Bro. John Atchison encouraged all & especially the young to hold on to their virgin purity — saying it took years & years of travel to gain a good degree of purity — & even then there were still higher planes to be reached. Elder Isaac spoke on the great comfort arising from the labor of Love, & the receiving of the love of the Brethren & Sisters.

On the whole, the meeting was quite pleasant & cheering to all.

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January 23. Sab. Elder Matthew exhorted to love & good works said the accerptable servic of God was to serve one another — that outside — the object was to serve self even to the injury of others, but we were call'd to the reverse of all this (viz) to love, & do good to oneanoth, It was a very good feeling meeting.

Jan 30. Sab. Society meeting — Elder William had Charles Clapp to read a long series of precepts from the "Juvenile Guide" on the subject of good manners at the table. This constituted the chief feature of the meeting.

February 6. A very sparse meeting indeed, owing to a general prevalence of colds. The writer hereof did not attend this meeting & can not describe it, — only that it was sparsely attended & not very long.

Feb. 13. Sab. — In our meeting Elder William express'd his thankfulness for the gift of Salvation & his privilege to understand & practice the Gospel. O. C. Hampton said, Recognizing the fact that "the Gospel was pure — then peaceable he had undertaken to live in union & peace with all, & so far in the present year had succeeded & could recommend the same to all who desired a further progression in righteousness.

Feb. 27. Sab. — Elder Matthew exhorted to Love & union doing good & living on terms of equality & general good neighborhood. Center family alone present. Meeting rather formal. — "

March 6. Sab. Centre & South met, & this is to be the gift at present. Elder William spoke very earnestly on the necessity of a prayerful feeling — resurrection of interest

& intense anxiety in regard to the increase of members in the Church — said he noticed such a feeling beginning to appear, & hopes it might increase — It was a good sign & had preceded all dispensations of increase in the past history of the Chh. after times of afflicting decimation —
He also said considerable on the subject of singing. The meeting was good.

March 20. Sab. Meeting of only South & Center. Little was said & the meeting was short.

Apr 3. Sab. — Elder William adverted to the manner in which our first parents approached those whom they wished to convert to the faith & also thro' this adverted to the foundation principles of the Institution — (viz) confession of sin — righting of wrongs — paying all our just debts & making reparation where we had injured any one — said we should have to go back to those principles &c. The discourse was very good.

Apr. 10. Sab. — Not much was said. Elder William was extremely weak — scarcely able to be present.

May 1. Sab. — Public meeting commences this morning Elder Matthew spoke a few appropriate words Also O. C. Hampton a few; but no regular preaching — Audience very sparse — Meeting short.

May 8. Sab. — We held Chh. meeting which was only moderate. No extraordinary features.

May 15. Public meeting O. C. H. preach'd Good attention.

May 22. Sab. — Held an ordinary Chh. meeting Elder Matthew & Elder Cephas spoke each a few words — Meeting only ordinary.

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May 29.	Sab.	Not a very large Audience— O. C. H. & Charles Clapp address the outsiders. They were quite attentive & well behaved. —"—
June 5.	Sab.	Rainy day & meeting at home— Elder Matthew spoke on the necessity of keeping a separation from the spirit & practices of the world; & their company was to be avoided even. He made a very good discourse altho' short, and gave some very good & much needed advice on this important subject. —
June 12.	Sab.	Public Meeting. Elder Giles B. Avery who is here on a mission (as also Elder Daniel Boller) from Mount Lebanon;— addressed the meeting preaching an excellent sermon on the genuine tests of Christianity. The Audience was very respectful & attentive & seemed very much interested in the sermon.

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29 Wednesday	Got possession of the books to day from our newly appointed Ministry Eld. O C Hampton the hired and our folks were busy getting in and cutting Hay Cash. Rather Mather & Charles Clapp went to the city heard from my Nieces concerning the butter & a circular concerning the Shakers we had the McCarthy Hay forks put in the stables since Monday.
30 Thursday	Continued in the Hay Charles Clapp & Father returned from the city cool north wind all day
July 2 Saturday	Worket in the Hay we received the new of the President Garfields assassination. There have been comfortable for more than a week. had the first mess of new Potatoes yesterday will have them right along sister Ella & Maggie Buckler brother Thom & cousin came to visit them
" 3 Sunday	Had society meeting Chas. Massey & Jhon Martin went to Lebanon for papers concerning the Presidents assassination went to the north to see the boy with his cut head Eld. Sanford & complaining closed with prayermeeting
July 10 Sunday	Eld. Oliver Preached showing we aimed to be Christians by living and following the life of Christ
" 17 Sunday	Held meeting at the church Eld. Oliver gave a short exhortation the North Family did not attend
" 24 Sunday	Held public meeting Eld Oliver preached had a very large attendence & I defined the term Holy ghost to mean justice as used in the scriptures
" 31 Sunday	Held Society meting at the church a giving of thanks to the older members for their faithful efforts in the institution
August 7 Sunday	Held our last public meeting to day quite a good audience

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Auget. 14 Sunday	Had society meeting in the church the Ministry informed the society of their trip East by way of Waterville this week and that every alternate sabeth should be a singing meting for the society
1 Sunday	Held a society singing meting in the church there was a letter from Eld Harvey Eads to Eld. Sanford at the west read to the society.
27 Sunday	Held society meting in the meeting house by talking and sinsinging
September 4th Sunday	Held singing meeting in organ room the south & west familys attended
11 Sunday	Held Society meeting in the meting house
18 Sunday	Held Singingmeeting all the familys were more or less represented
25 Sunday	Held Society meeting in the meeting house and anounced the Goveners proclamation to hold services tomorrow at ten oclok in honnor of the Dead President James A Garfield
October 2 Sunday	Held singing meeting in the meeting house the south family was not represented.
9 Sunday	Held meeting in the church all the familys were represented
16 Sunday	Had Society Singing meeting in the family meeting room
23 Sunday	Held meeting in our meeting room on account of rain only some of the south family were present
30 Sunday	Had Singing meeting in the family meeting room the south & west family were here the north family could not attend on account of respect for the death of Jethro Boyd
November 6 Sunday	Held meting in the family meeting room all the familys were present the ministry gave out the societies book
13 Sunday	Held singing meeting in the family meting room all the familys were represented